



# **THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS**

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District**



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Molina**

**Second  
District**



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

**Third  
District**



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 27,  
2 2004. There is no reportable action as a result of the Board  
3 of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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7 [ GAVEL ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. I'D ASK EVERYONE TO TAKE  
10 THEIR SEATS, PLEASE-- WELL, NOT TAKE THEIR SEATS BUT PLEASE  
11 RISE. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. WE ARE GOING  
12 TO BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY YVONNE WEST, ASSOCIATE IN  
13 MINISTRY, LINCOLN AVENUE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN POMONA, FOLLOWED  
14 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, BY ERIC F. LAMBKINS, SPECIALIST,  
15 UNITED STATES ARMY. AND A MOTORMAN WHO JUST RETURNED FROM THE  
16 WAR AND WILL BE GOING BACK, SO WE WANT TO WELCOME ERIC HERE AS  
17 WELL, THIS MORNING, TOO. YVONNE.

18

19 **YVONNE WEST:** OUR DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER. FATHER, WE GIVE YOU  
20 THANKS FOR THE DAY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. THANK YOU FOR  
21 ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE TO HEAR THE ISSUES THAT  
22 WILL BE DISCUSSED TODAY. THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO  
23 ARE PRESIDING OVER THIS MEETING WHO HAVE HEAVY DECISIONS TO  
24 MAKE AND HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES. LORD, WOULD YOU BE WITH  
25 THEM. GIVE THEM WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT AS THE DECISIONS NEED



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1 TO BE MADE FOR THIS COUNTY THAT YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH, THE  
2 COUNTY OF THE ANGELS. LORD, WE JUST PRAY THAT YOU ARE WITH  
3 EVERY PERSON HERE AND THAT YOUR BLESSINGS ABOUND. HELP US TO  
4 REMEMBER TO GIVE YOU THANKS. AMEN.

5

6 **ERIC F. LAMBKINS:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
7 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S A  
12 GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE WITH US TODAY ERIC LAMBKINS, WHO IS  
13 FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AND HE WAS A SPECIALIST IN THE--  
14 BAGHDAD, WHERE HE SERVED IN IRAQ FOR ONE YEAR. AND CURRENTLY  
15 HE'S A GRADUATE OF ONE OF MY HIGH SCHOOL RIVALS, HAMILTON HIGH  
16 SCHOOL. I WENT TO MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. WE USED TO BE IN YOUR  
17 LEAGUE. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT CAME DOWN AND YOU LED US  
18 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS  
19 WITH YOUR STUDIES AND WITH YOUR CAREER. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE  
20 ]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA. WE  
23 HAVE-- YOU HAVE ALL THE...

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE'LL  
2 ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED ITEMS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC  
3 HEARING MATTERS...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LATER.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ...AFTER THE BOARD PRESENTATIONS. SO  
8 WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 8. WE HAVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF  
9 THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, THE  
10 AMOUNT SHOULD READ 539,500 DOLLARS. SO THERE'S THAT ONE  
11 CHANGE, AND THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH THAT CHANGE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 BURKE. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,  
17 ON ITEM NUMBER 3, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR  
18 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THE APPLICANT DID  
23 NOT COMPLETE THE LEGALLY REQUIRED POSTING; THEREFORE, THE ITEM  
24 NEEDS TO BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 22ND, 2004.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 6, CONTINUED TO JUNE 20-WHAT?

2

3    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S JUNE 22ND, 2004.

4

5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

6

7    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNDER

8    ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 7,

9    HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, HOLD FOR

10    SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR

11    YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS

12    OFFICE.

13

14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

15

16    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

17

18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

19    BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 24 THROUGH

22    26.

23

24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

25    BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 27.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
5 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 28 AND 29. ON ITEM  
8 NUMBER 28, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
9 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS. AND THEN ON--  
10 ALSO, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BEFORE WE  
13 CONTINUE THAT. 28, YOU REQUESTED A THREE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. I  
14 JUST HAD A...

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
17 THE ITEM BE HELD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO WE'LL HOLD IT, THEN.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN, ON ITEM 29, THE DIRECTOR OF  
22 HEALTH SERVICES IS REQUESTING THAT WE DELETE, ON THE SECOND  
23 LINE, "TEMPORARY PERSONNEL REGISTRY AGENCIES FOR RESPIRATORY  
24 CARE" AND THEN THAT ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT SHOULD BE 10  
25 MILLION-- \$10.3 MILLION. AND THE RATE FOR PHARMACY INTERN IN





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1 ATTACHMENT B AND D OF THE LETTER SHOULD READ \$25, NOT \$51  
2 THAT'S PRINTED IN THE BOARD LETTER.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CAN WE...

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THAT?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE THAT IN WRITING SOME PLACE,  
9 THESE CHANGES? I MEAN, WHY-- THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT  
10 CHANGE. WHY DID THAT HAPPEN?

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE CAN GET THAT FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR. WHY  
13 DON'T WE...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WOULD YOU GET THAT FOR ME?

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ...HOLD IT AND WE'LL GET THAT FOR YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL PUT IT ON THE TABLE,  
20 OKAY?

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO WE'LL HOLD THAT. PARKS AND  
23 RECREATION, ITEM 30.

24



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
2    BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEM 31.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
7    YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK. ON ITEM  
10    32, HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

11

12    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 33  
15    AND 34. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS REQUESTING A  
16    TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ONLY. AND  
17    THE REST OF THAT ITEM AND ITEM 34 IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINDER OF 33, WHICH WOULD  
20    BE THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT, THE CORRECTIVE ACTION BE CONTINUED  
21    FOR TWO WEEKS, AND ITEM 34, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
22    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 35.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
2   BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
5   REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
6   OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
7   THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
8   ITEM 36-A, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. 36-B?

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
11   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 36-A.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. A? "A" WAS HELD. 36-C, WE HAVE--  
16   36-C, MOVED BY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
17   WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON NUMBER 35, I NEED  
20   TO BACK UP JUST A LITTLE BIT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO" FOR  
21   THE RECORD ON THAT.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE JUST HOLD THAT.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. HOLD IT.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT? OKAY. AND  
3 THAT'S-- SHE WAS HOLDING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT 255 FOR PARKS.  
4 THAT'S THE PORTION SHE'S VOTING "NO" ON BUT WE'LL HOLD THAT  
5 FOR THE RECORD.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION, SECONDED,  
8 WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, THEN WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PARDON ME?

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL GO ON WITH THE PRESENTATIONS  
17 AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF THEM THIS MORNING, STARTING WITH  
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE. EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'M  
19 SORRY, YOU'RE HERE NOW TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING HERE FOR THE  
22 INVOCATION BUT I'M VERY PROUD TO PRESENT MISS YVONNE WEST, WHO  
23 HAS BEEN WITH THE LINCOLN AVENUE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN POMONA  
24 FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS. AND SHE HAS SERVED AS THE ASSOCIATE  
25 MINISTRY FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. MRS. WEST PROVIDES



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1 BILINGUAL PASTORAL CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND OVERSEES THE  
2 CHURCH STAFF AND SHE ALSO SUPERVISES AND OVERSEES THE  
3 CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES. HE'S FROM THE EAST L.A. AREA BUT SHE'S  
4 BEEN RESIDING IN POMONA SINCE 1992. THANK YOU SO MUCH IN  
5 LEADING US TODAY IN OUR INVOCATION. WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU A  
6 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL WITHDRAW MY HOLD ON 35. I'M OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN WE'LL-- MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND, WITH A "NO" VOTE ON THAT  
18 PARTICULAR SECTION OF PARKS AND REC BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, FOR THE  
21 RECORD, FOR MOLINA, THAT'S BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NUMBER 255 FOR  
22 PARKS AND THAT'S THE ONLY PORTION SHE'S VOTING "NO" ON.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, SO ORDERED.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK MAXCY FILER TO COME FORWARD, AND  
2    HIS SON IS, OF COURSE, THE JUDGE IN COMPTON. HE'S A MEMBER OF  
3    THE BAR, A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE BAR, AND SOMEONE THAT  
4    WE'VE KNOWN A LONG TIME. MAY 17TH, 2004, WILL MARK THE 50TH  
5    ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDMARK U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN  
6    "BROWN VERSUS BOARD OF EDUCATION". THIS HISTORICAL DECISION  
7    ENDED THE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATE BUT EQUAL AS A LEGAL BASIS FOR  
8    SEGREGATION. A WORKING GROUP APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD  
9    GEORGE IN MAY 2003 CONSISTING OF JUDGES, COURT EXECUTIVES,  
10    STATE BAR LEADERS AND LAW PROFESSORS WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM  
11    THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, COORDINATED EFFORTS  
12    TO HIGHLIGHT THE LEGACY OF THE BROWN DECISION. WE'RE HAPPY  
13    THAT THE COMPTON BRANCH OF THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT SAW FIT TO  
14    DEVELOP THEIR OWN PROGRAM BY CENTERING ITS ANNUAL LAW DAY  
15    EVENT AROUND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS HISTORICAL DECISION. ON  
16    BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
17    ANGELES COUNTY, I HEREBY JOIN THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
18    IN PROCLAIMING MAY 17TH AS LAW DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF  
19    LOS ANGELES IN OBSERVATION OF THIS IMPORTANT DECISION THAT HAS  
20    MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COUNTRY AND IN THE LIVES OF  
21    YOUNG PEOPLE. AND, IN OBSERVANCE OF THIS, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT  
22    THIS SCROLL TO MAXCY FILER AND MONA MCCLURE FROM L.A. SUPERIOR  
23    COURT. [ APPLAUSE ]  
24



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL LET YOU GIVE A SPEECH, MAXCY. WELL, YOU'RE  
2   NOT GOING TO SPEAK BUT A MINUTE, TWO MINUTES, RIGHT?

3

4   **MAXCY FILER:** SMALL HISTORY. WHAT WAS THE DATE THE SUPREME  
5   COURT HANDED DOWN THE DECISION? WHAT MONTH, WHAT YEAR, WHAT  
6   WAS THE VOTE, WHO WAS THE LEAD ATTORNEY, WHO WAS THE CHIEF  
7   JUSTICE, WHAT TIME WAS IT? WHO WAS THE OPPOSING COUNSEL? I'LL  
8   TAKE THIS BACK AND YOU THINK ABOUT IT AND THEN LET ME KNOW.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. SO PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE. I WILL SAY  
11   WHAT MAXCY IS KNOWN FOR BUT HE HAS A REAL DISTINCTION IN TERMS  
12   OF THE BAR. I THINK HE TOOK IT 20 TIMES OR SOMETHING?

13

14   **MAXCY FILER:** (INAUDIBLE).

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS. HOW MANY TIMES?

17

18   **MAXCY FILER:** I TOOK THE BAR 48 TIMES.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO THAT'S SOMEONE WHO REALLY WANTED TO BE A  
21   LAWYER. THAT'S RIGHT. LET ME TELL YOU. I STRUGGLED TO STUDY  
22   FOR IT ONCE. 48 TIMES, MAXCY. IT'S A REAL TRIBUTE. OKAY. WE'RE  
23   VERY PLEASED TO HAVE CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM. [  
24   APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S ALWAYS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE  
2    EXCELLENCE AND GOOD BASKETBALL IS CERTAINLY ENGROSSING AND  
3    EXCITING AND SOMETIMES IT'S EASY TO FORGET THAT IT REQUIRES  
4    TREMENDOUS DEDICATION, INTELLIGENCE, AND ATHLETIC SKILL. AND  
5    ANYONE WHO HAS LOOKED AT DIAGRAMS OF THE VARIOUS STRATEGIES  
6    AND TACTICS THAT A TEAM MEMBER MUST NOT ONLY MEMORIZE BUT  
7    PRACTICE OVER AND OVER UNTIL THE EXECUTION BECOMES ALMOST  
8    INSTINCTIVE KNOWS THAT MIND AND BODY MUST WORK TOGETHER. SO  
9    IT'S WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I RECOGNIZE TWO SUCH TEAMS. FIRST,  
10   CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL LADY COUGAR BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING  
11   THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, AND DOMINGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL  
12   BASKETBALL TEAM, "THE DONS," FOR WINNING THE C.I.F. DIVISION  
13   STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. ISAAC  
14   HAMMOND, PRINCIPAL OF CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, HEAD COACH MAJOR  
15   DENNIS AND CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FIRST OF ALL.  
16   MAJOR DENNIS? WHERE IS HE? OVER HERE. OH, HERE YOU ARE.  
17   CONGRATULATIONS. I KNOW YOU'RE VERY PROUD OF THESE YOUNG  
18   LADIES. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** ERIN IRVING SYMONDS. OVER HERE. CONGRATULATIONS.  
21   ARE YOU THE COACH? CONGRATULATIONS. GREG COBB? NOT HERE. LARRY  
22   DANIELS. KEN MAXCY. OKAY! RIGHT OVER HERE! ADEN AZIER.

23

24   **ADEN AZIER:** THAT'S ME. AND THIS IS FOR YOU. YOU CAN PLAY THEM  
25   IN YOUR SPARE TIME.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. [ LAUGHTER ] OH, THANK YOU! JUANITA  
3 WALKER DECKER. YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE HERS. ALL RIGHT. AND WE'RE  
4 GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM CRENSHAW COME UP. WHO'S GOING TO  
5 SPEAK. ARE YOU SPEAKING? THEN WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE WITH ALL OF  
6 YOU. COME RIGHT UP HERE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YVONNE, MRS. BURKE, AND TO  
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUST FOR ALLOWING US TO COME OUT HERE  
10 TODAY. THE GIRLS REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THE COACHING STAFF  
11 APPRECIATES IT. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND HOPEFULLY  
12 WE HOPE TO BE BACK HERE NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **MAJOR DENNIS:** FIRST THING, I WANT TO THANK MS. BURKE FOR  
15 INVITING US OUT TO HONOR OUR CHAMPIONSHIP LADY BASKETBALL  
16 TEAM, THE LADY COUGARS. I WILL BE RETIRING THIS YEAR. AND IT'S  
17 IRVING SIMON WILL BE TAKING OVER THE PROGRAM. AND, AGAIN, WE  
18 WANT TO THANK MS. BURKE FOR LETTING US COME IN.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WE WANT TO  
21 CALL UP. CRYSTAL ADAMS, LATARA BUCK. HERE, COME UP HERE! YES!  
22 MEGAN COLLIER. SASHA-- SASHA FLEMING. ANJERA GARTH. ALL RIGHT.  
23 CONGRATULATIONS. NOW, ALEX RENNER. IMANI'S HERE. IMANI MANGIN.  
24 LAROYA SERGEANT. BRITTANY SHEPHERD. ANITA WILLIAMS. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH AND LOTS OF LUCK FOR NEXT YEAR. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG  
2 HAND. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** OF COURSE WE'RE ALWAYS VERY, VERY PROUD, AND THIS  
5 IS THE SECOND YEAR THEY'VE BEEN HERE. WE WANT TO INVITE UP  
6 COACH RUSSELL OTIS FOR HIS TEAM, THE DOMINGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL  
7 DONS, WINNERS OF CIF DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WOULD YOU  
8 PLEASE COME FORWARD. COACH OTIS. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND NOW COULD WE HAVE THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM TO  
11 COME FORWARD TO TAKE-- TO RECEIVE THE TROPHY. WHERE IS HE?  
12 YOUR NAME IS?

13

14 **MARCUS MALONE:** MARCUS MALONE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** MARCUS MALONE AND DERRICK WRIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS.  
17 [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **COACH RUSSELL OTIS:** ON BEHALF OF THE DOMINGUEZ FAMILY, MY  
20 ADMINISTRATORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MS. BURKE AND THE BOARD  
21 OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THESE YOUNG MEN ON THEIR  
22 OUTSTANDING SEASON THIS YEAR. WE'RE THE ONLY TEAM, AND NOT TO  
23 BRAG, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO GO  
24 9-AND-0 IN THE PLAYOFFS SO, YOU KNOW, THEY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT





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1 OF THINGS THIS YEAR AND WE JUST THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING  
2 THEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE CONTINUES ]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE EACH ONE OF THE TEAM  
7 MEMBERS. I'M GOING TO HAVE EACH ONE OF YOU JUST GIVE US YOUR  
8 NAME.

9

10 **BRIAN HARVEY:** HI. MY NAME IS BRIAN HARVEY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ] [ LAUGHTER ]

13

14 **DEVON LOUIE:** DEVON LOUIE.

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16 **MICHAEL SHELTON:** MICHAEL SHELTON.

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18 **DERRICK WRIGHT:** DERRICK WRIGHT.

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20 **DION OTIS:** DION OTIS.

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22 **ALPHONSO PETERSON:** ALPHONSO PETERSON.

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24 **LAMAR ROBISON:** LAMAR ROBISON.

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1   **MARCUS MALONE:** MARCUS MALONE.

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3   **AUDWIN TOBERT:** AUDWIN TOBERT.

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** SO WHEN WE SEE YOU FOLKS AGAIN IN COLLEGE, WE'LL  
6   KNOW WHO WE HEARD ABOUT. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE  
7   AND CHEERS ]

8

9   **SUP. BURKE:** OH, NO ONE'S GOING TO UCLA? I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
10   ELLEN IDEN, WHO WAS THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF  
11   WOMEN'S HEALTH, AND JESSICA ST. JOHN, SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER,  
12   OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S HEALTH  
13   POLICY COUNCIL. IN 1998, I SPONSORED A MOTION TO CREATE THE  
14   OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF WOMEN  
15   IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER,  
16   WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL WAS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
17   HEALTH SERVICES TO SERVE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVIEW AND  
18   GUIDANCE FOR POLICY ISSUES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE  
19   OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH. THE WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL  
20   CONSISTS OF 16 COMMUNITY LEADERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS, REPRESENTING  
21   CLINICIANS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCIES, SERVICE  
22   PROVIDERS, ADVOCATES, AND OTHER HEALTHCARE STAKEHOLDERS. THEY  
23   ARE BEING HONORED TODAY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN  
24   DEVELOPING THE FIRST INITIATIVE FOR THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S  
25   HEALTH, THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION AND



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1 EDUCATION INITIATIVE. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2 AND THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I PRESENT THESE SCROLLS  
3 TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL: JOAN AUGUST,  
4 DIRECTOR AND SHE'S THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AT CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL  
5 CENTER. JOAN, CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO YOU. [  
6 APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** JUANITA WATTS, REGIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH  
9 COORDINATOR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERMANENT, AND ACCEPTING FOR  
10 HER IS JUDITH ZITKA, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.

11

12 **JUDITH ZITKA:** YES, HI. I'M NOT JUANITA. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL OB/GYN AT  
15 U.C.L.A., LYNN JONAKURI, AND DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR  
16 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL  
17 CENTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **LYNN JONAKURI:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** MANY THANKS. MARGARET FARWELL SMITH, HEALTHCARE  
22 CONSULTANT, FARWELL ASSOCIATES. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
23 SAY A FEW WORDS. RIGHT. LET'S SEE. JUANITA WATT. OKAY. YOU'LL  
24 TAKE BOTH OF THOSE. YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE? THIS HAS BEEN SUCH



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1 A WONDERFUL PROGRAM, I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT IT. IT'S BEEN  
2 JUST EXCELLENT.

3

4 **MARGARET FARWELL:** THANK YOU, YVONNE. ON BEHALF OF MY  
5 COLLEAGUES ON THE WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL, I WANT TO  
6 SAY, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
7 YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOUR FUNDING, AND THANK YOU FOR  
8 ESTABLISHING MAY AS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH. WE SELECTED CERVICAL  
9 CANCER AS OUR FIRST INITIATIVE BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY HIGH  
10 RATES OF CERVICAL CANCER IN WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY  
11 WOMEN OF COLOR. ALSO, THE DISEASE IS HIGHLY PREVENTABLE AND  
12 THE INTERVENTION, THE SCREENING MECHANISM, IS VERY AFFORDABLE  
13 AND NONINVASIVE. AFTER THE INITIAL PILOT PROJECT, WE STARTED  
14 THE PROGRAM IN JANUARY OF 2002 WITH A MULTILINGUAL, MULTIMEDIA  
15 GRASSROOTS MARKETING CAMPAIGN WITH FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
16 ENDOWMENT, AND, AGAIN, FUNDING FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
17 THE GOAL WAS TO REDUCE THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY OF CERVICAL  
18 CANCER AND WE DID SO. WE WANTED TO REDEFINE ACCESS TO CARE,  
19 REALIZING THAT, IN L.A. COUNTY, BARRIERS TO CARE ARE NOT JUST  
20 GEOGRAPHIC, THEY ARE CULTURAL, LINGUISTIC, FINANCIAL, AND  
21 LIFESTYLE. WE CREATED A HOTLINE WITH SEVEN LANGUAGES,  
22 INCLUDING ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE, MANDARIN, CANTONESE,  
23 ARMENIAN AND KOREAN. WE CREATED A NETWORK OF 300 COMMUNITY  
24 PARTNERS, INCLUDING 166 PROVIDERS, AND WE CREATED A MOBILE VAN  
25 OUTREACH PROGRAM AND WE DISTRIBUTED OVER 750,000 PIECES OF



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1 EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE. THE RESULTS ARE IMPRESSIVE. WE  
2 RECEIVED OVER 25,000 CALLS FROM WOMEN WHO NEEDED CARE. WE  
3 PROVIDED OVER 11,000 APPOINTMENTS TO THOSE WOMEN. 28% OF THESE  
4 WOMEN WERE CONSIDERED HIGH RISK. SOME OF THEM HAD NEVER HAD A  
5 PAP SMEAR. OVER 1,500 WOMEN RECEIVED CARE THROUGH THE MOBILE  
6 VAN AT 80 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND, ALL IN ALL, THREE WOMEN  
7 WERE DIAGNOSED WITH CERVICAL CANCER. 300 HAD ABNORMAL PAP  
8 TESTS. ALL WERE SENT FOR FOLLOW UP AND TREATMENT. A  
9 CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF COSTS SAVED, THESE ARE COSTS SAVED,  
10 FOR TREATMENT THAT WAS AVOIDED IS \$1.6 MILLION IN A LITTLE  
11 LESS THAN A YEAR AND A HALF. SO WE THINK IT WAS WELL WORTH THE  
12 FUNDING THAT WENT TO THIS PROGRAM. NOT ONLY THAT BUT IT'S HARD  
13 TO CALCULATE THE SAVINGS IN-- THE SAVINGS IN PAIN AND  
14 SUFFERING FROM CERVICAL CANCER THAT WAS PREVENTED. AND ALSO  
15 IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT WE CREATED A SUCCESSFUL MODEL FOR  
16 OUTREACH TO WOMEN WHO ARE UNDERSERVED, AT-RISK, AND HARD TO  
17 REACH. SO WE HOPE THAT, IN CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE  
18 CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL ALSO  
19 LOOK AT THIS AS A MODEL FOR FUTURE INITIATIVES TO REACH OUT TO  
20 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO NEED HEALTHCARE SERVICES. THANK YOU  
21 AGAIN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

22  
23 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE EILEEN EDEN, THE  
24 ACTING DIRECTOR. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE HER HARD WORK. THANK  
25 YOU VERY MUCH. GET A PICTURE OF EVERYONE.





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2     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK DWAYNE SMITH TO JOIN ME UP  
3     HERE, PLEASE. DWAYNE SMITH HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS  
4     ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS COMMISSION-- BUSINESS LICENSE  
5     COMMISSION, EXCUSE ME, REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR  
6     OVER 20 YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE, DWAYNE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL  
7     IN IMPLEMENTING NEW ORDINANCES AND OBVIOUSLY HAD A VERY  
8     POSITIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES IN OUR COUNTY. HE SPENT  
9     COUNTLESS HOURS OF REWRITING THE LANGUAGE OF MANY ORDINANCES  
10    TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE WITH CURRENT STANDARDS AND THROUGHOUT  
11    HIS YEARS OF SERVICE. HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND HIS COMMITMENT  
12    TO THE BETTERMENT OF COMMISSION BUSINESS TO BE HEARTILY  
13    THANKED. OBVIOUSLY DWAYNE GOES BACK, HE WAS ORIGINALLY  
14    APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR DEAN DANA, AND I HAD THE PLEASURE TO  
15    REAPPOINT HIM TO THE COMMISSION AS WELL, TOO. HE'S BEEN A GOOD  
16    FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND APPRECIATE ALL HE'S DONE AND  
17    HE'S GOING TO JUST RELAX A LITTLE BIT RIGHT NOW. SO DWAYNE, ON  
18    BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
19    YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
20    AND WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. [ APPLAUSE ] .

21

22    **DWAYNE SMITH:** THIS HAS BEEN 23 YEARS SERVING THE CITIZENS OF  
23    THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND I  
24    THANK ALL OF YOU FOR LETTING ME DO THAT. [ APPLAUSE ] .

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S ONE OF THOSE DAYS, I'M GOING TO  
2    ASK CODY FERGUSON TO JOIN ME AS WELL TO JOIN ME UP HERE. IT'S  
3    ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHERE WE'RE SAYING THANK YOU TO SOME  
4    INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE LIVES  
5    OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE JUST THANKED DWAYNE FOR 23 YEARS OF  
6    SERVICE. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE CODY A PRESENTATION HERE FOR HIS  
7    SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ITS EMPLOYEES, A TRUSTEE OF  
8    THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RETIREMENT  
9    ASSOCIATION. CODY HAS BEEN A HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED MEMBER  
10   WHO HAS HAD MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIS TENURE ON THE  
11   BOARD. HE ESTABLISHED THE STAR COLA COST OF LIVING PROGRAM AS  
12   WELL AS IMPLEMENTING OTHER THINGS. HE ALSO IMPLEMENTED THE  
13   INVESTMENT OFFICE AND INTERNAL AUDIT TO EXPAND AND PROTECT THE  
14   INVESTMENTS OF LACERA. IN ADDITION, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN  
15   HELPING TO CRAFT THE PENSION OBLIGATION BOND AGREEMENT THAT  
16   ACCELERATED THE PLAN FUNDING BY 2.1 BILLION AND RAISED THE  
17   FUNDING STATUS TO A HUNDRED PERCENT AT THAT TIME. FOR ALL  
18   THESE REASONS-- AT THAT TIME. I HAD TO ADD THAT WORD, AT THAT  
19   TIME, BUT GOT TO KNOW CODY WHEN HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
20   COUNTY THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HIS  
21   UNION REPRESENTATION, BUT I THINK THE ONE THING THAT WE CAN  
22   ALL SAY, FIRST AND FOREMOST, WAS THE PROTECTION OF THE ASSETS  
23   OF LACERA WAS ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF HIS LIST AND HE HAS BEEN  
24   SUCH A CONSCIENTIOUS MEMBER. AND I KNOW THAT HE'S HAD SOME  
25   DIFFICULT TIMES, EVEN WITH HIS OWN FOLKS, AND FRIENDS, AND



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1 SUPPORTERS OVER THE YEARS, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST, HIS  
2 INTEGRITY WAS UNQUESTIONED. AND SO, CODY, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF  
3 AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL  
4 DONE AND WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **CODY FERGUSON:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING ME AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS  
8 TO WORK FOR LACERA, AMERICA'S BEST PENSION PLAN, ALL BENEFITS  
9 CONSIDERED. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CODY. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO ASK DR.  
12 REBECCA CONSTANTINO TO JOIN ME UP HERE, JOYCE FOSTER, I  
13 BELIEVE, IS JOINING ME, ANGIE PAPADAKOS, GABRIELLA HOLT. ANGIE  
14 IS REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; GABRIELLA FROM OUR  
15 COUNTY PROBATION COMMISSION. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE  
16 U.S.C. PROFESSOR, DR. REBECCA CONSTANTINO, FOR HER OUTSTANDING  
17 PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY. DR.  
18 CONSTANTINO IS THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCESS  
19 BOOKS, WHERE SHE HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED-- LISTEN TO THIS--  
20 OVER 600,000 BOOKS TO INNER CITY SCHOOL LIBRARIES. IN  
21 ADDITION, SHE RECENTLY PROVIDED 7,000 BOOKS TO OUR LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY PROBATION CAMPS. WHAT'S MORE, THIS GENEROUS  
23 CONTRIBUTION HAS ALLOWED FOR THE SETUP OF PROBATION CAMP  
24 LIBRARIES. SO WE WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER PHILANTHROPIC  
25 EFFORTS, BUT I THINK, MORE IMPORTANTLY, AS WE'VE ALL SAID SO



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1 MANY TIMES WITH THE AVOCATION OF LITERACY, YOU CAN'T GET THE  
2 MOST BASIC JOB IF YOU CAN'T READ AND SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE  
3 HER STRONG SUPPORT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS INSIDE NOT ONLY  
4 THE INNER CITY BUT OUR PROBATION CAMPS AS WELL. SO, DR.  
5 CONSTANTINO, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS ON BEHALF OF MYSELF  
6 AND MY COLLEAGUES AND SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **DR. REBECCA CONSTANTINO:** I'D LIKE TO THANK JUANITA STANLEY OF  
9 PROBATION WHO WAS VERY HELPFUL IN GETTING THESE BOOKS INTO THE  
10 CAMPS. AND I'D LIKE TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS. THE  
11 BEST PREDICTOR OF HOW WELL YOU READ IS NOT YOUR TRAINING OF  
12 YOUR TEACHER, IS NOT YOUR READING PROGRAM, BUT IT'S ACCESS TO  
13 THE NUMBER OF BOOKS WHICH YOU HAVE. AND THERE ARE CHILDREN IN  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO HAVE ACCESS TO LESS THAN .3 BOOKS AND  
15 THE BOOKS IN MANY SCHOOL LIBRARIES ARE AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD.  
16 AND, FOR MANY CHILDREN, THERE'S A NINE-MONTH WAITING LIST FOR  
17 A POPULAR BOOK. SO I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU HERE, INCLUDING  
18 THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE, TO REALLY WORK TO PROVIDE GOOD BOOKS  
19 FOR CHILDREN BECAUSE, IF WE WANT A LITERATE SOCIETY, THE ONLY  
20 WAY WE WILL DO IT IS THROUGH GOOD, QUALITY, INTERESTING BOOKS.  
21 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. ANGIE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING  
24 AND JOYCE WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING AS WELL, TOO, SO COME ON UP.

25



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1   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
2   OF EDUCATION, I DO THANK YOU, DR. CONSTANTINO, FOR THESE BOOKS  
3   THAT OPEN UP A NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR THESE KIDS THAT WE ARE  
4   TRYING TO EDUCATE, THE WARDS OF THE COURT, AND I DO THANK YOU.  
5   IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR THEM, IF ONLY THEY WILL OPEN THEM  
6   UP. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8   **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ACCESS BOOKS AND DR.  
9   CONSTANTINO BECAUSE IT'S A MAJOR EVENT FOR OUR PROBATION  
10  DEPARTMENT AND THE CAMPS, AND THESE-- THE CHILDREN IN THE  
11  CAMPS, THE YOUTHS IN THE CAMPS ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF  
12  READING MATERIAL AND, AS DR. CONSTANTINO SAID, IF A CHILD  
13  CAN'T READ A FICTION NOVEL, IT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO GET  
14  INTO FICTION BEFORE THEY CAN ACTUALLY GET INTO THE LITERACY  
15  AND THE BOOKS, SUCH AS ALGEBRA AND ENGLISH AND THAT TYPE OF  
16  THING. SO SHE'S PROVIDED THIS FOR OUR YOUTH IN THE PROBATION  
17  CAMPS AND I'M VERY PLEASED. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC  
20  EMPLOYEES RECOGNITION WEEK AND MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.  
21  WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT TOGETHER, SO JOINING ME TODAY ARE SOME  
22  INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HELPED US PUT THIS TOGETHER FOR THIS  
23  OBSERVANCE. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD OUR C.A.O., MR. DAVID  
24  JANSSEN, COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH, DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY  
25  DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN





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1 RESOURCES, MICHAEL HENRY. I THINK I'M GOING TO BE INTRODUCING  
2 THE REST OF THE AUDIENCE HERE. CAPTAIN CHUCK BENOIT, FROM THE  
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN GONG; DEPUTY  
4 COMMANDER 40TH INFANTRY CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD, LIEUTENANT  
5 COLONEL FRANCIS ANARELIA; MARINE CORPS RESERVE AND SERGEANT  
6 WAYDE PERRY; NAVY RESERVE LIEUTENANT, ROB VULETO; OUR AIR  
7 FORCE RESERVE, COLONEL HARRY TALBOT; COLONEL TERRY THRALL,  
8 UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE; COASTGUARD CAPTAIN DAVID RILEY;  
9 BILL HAUSTON, CALIFORNIA CHAIRMAN, EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OF GUARD  
10 AND RESERVE; WAYNE SALLING, REGIONAL DIRECTION LOS ANGELES  
11 OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OF GUARD AND RESERVE RESERVE.  
12 NO MATTER WHAT BRANCH OF SERVICE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE  
13 SERVING, THEIR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE EVERY DAY TO PROTECT OUR  
14 FREEDOM. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW TO REMEMBER THE  
15 SACRIFICES THAT ARE BEING MADE FOR THE UNITED STATES BY OUR  
16 SOLDIERS WHO ARE DEFENDING US ACROSS THE GLOBE. IT'S NOT AN  
17 EASY TASK AND THEY'VE ANSWERED THE CALL. TODAY, WE ARE  
18 HONORING AND ANSWERING THE CALL TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
19 IN OBSERVANCE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK AND MILITARY  
20 APPRECIATION MONTH. A CELEBRATION, COMPLETE WITH INFORMATION  
21 BOOTHS AND ENTERTAINMENT, THAT WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, MAY  
22 4TH, IN THE MALL AREA AT THE KENNETH HALL HAHN OF  
23 ADMINISTRATION. IT'S FREE AND ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE  
24 INVITED. THERE WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS BRANCHES  
25 OF THE U.S. MILITARY TO JOIN US AS WELL. THE COUNTY IS ALSO



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1 LAUNCHING A TREATS FOR THE TROOPS CAMPAIGN AS PART OF MILITARY  
2 APPRECIATION MONTH. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DONATE SNACKS,  
3 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, CLOTHING, AND OTHER ITEMS. EACH  
4 DEPARTMENT HAS AN ON-SITE CONTACT WILL WHO RECEIVE THESE  
5 CONTRIBUTIONS. AT THE END OF MAY, WE WILL SEND ALL ITEMS TO  
6 THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR TROOPS  
7 AROUND THE WORLD. WE WANT OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN TO KNOW THAT  
8 WE CARE AND SUPPORT THEM, AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE, MY  
9 COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TREATS FOR THE  
10 TROOPS CAMPAIGN. IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY ARE COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
11 WHO ARE ALSO U.S. VETERANS. THEY ARE OUTSTANDING AMBASSADORS  
12 FOR THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE MILITARY. SO LET'S JOIN IN  
13 GIVING THEM A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO ASK COLONEL  
16 SMITH TO JOIN ME AND TO PRESENT HIM AN SCROLL IN RECOGNITION  
17 OF MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH. COLONEL SMITH? MAN, I REALLY  
18 FEEL SHORT. I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE THE DOMINGUEZ HIGH... OH,  
19 NO. AND TO OUR C.A.O. IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK.

20

21 **COLONEL SMITH:** ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN  
22 UNIFORM TODAY ALL AROUND THE GLOBE, I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT  
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS RECOGNIZING THEM AND RECOGNIZING  
24 THE ROLE THAT THEY'RE PLAYING IN PROTECTING THAT PRECIOUS GIFT  
25 GIVEN TO US BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS, THE GIFT OF FREEDOM. WE



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1 HAVE MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE IN THE GUARD RESERVE. WE  
2 HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THEM-- OF THESE UNITS HERE WITH US  
3 TODAY. BUT I ASK EACH OF YOU TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO WRITE  
4 A NOTE, A POSTCARD, OR SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO SOMEONE IN YOUR  
5 FAMILY AND, IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY SERVING,  
6 SEND IT TO SOME SOLDIER, SAILOR, MARINE, AIRMAN, COAST  
7 GUARDSMAN, AND IT WILL GO OVERSEAS TO THAT PERSON. THE  
8 GREATEST THING THAT ANYBODY WANTS OR RECEIVES WHEN YOU'RE  
9 OVERSEAS IN COMBAT IS A LETTER FROM HOME. AND THE DAYS THAT  
10 YOU DON'T GET SOMETHING IS A CLOUDY DAY. SO PLEASE SUPPORT  
11 YOUR TROOPS AND SUPPORT ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DOING SO  
12 MUCH FOR THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOINING US TODAY IS-- FROM THE NATIONAL  
17 ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, WHICH IS  
18 MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN VERSUS BOARD OF  
19 EDUCATION, DR. SANDRA THOMAS, WHO IS THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
20 DIRECTOR, AND ALTADENA BRANCH PRESIDENT, AND BARBARA BIGBY,  
21 WHO IS THE ALTADENA BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER. MAY  
22 17TH, 1954, 50 YEARS AGO, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULED  
23 UNANIMOUSLY IN THE BROWN VERSUS BOARD OF EDUCATION BANNING  
24 SEGREGATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF  
25 THIS HISTORIC DECISION, THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE



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1   CREATED THE TOPEKA ADVISORY COMMISSION BOARD VERSUS BROWN OF  
2   EDUCATION. AND, ON MAY 3RD AND 4TH NEXT WEEK, THE CALIFORNIA  
3   NAACP AND THE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE WILL BE SPONSORING,  
4   IN SACRAMENTO, EVENTS COMMEMORATING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THIS  
5   LANDMARK DECISION FOR EQUALITY ON EDUCATION. THE PROGRAM WILL  
6   INCLUDE HOW THE DECISION HELPED OUR COUNTRY TO DEAL WITH  
7   VARIOUS ISSUES PERTAINING TO HUMAN RIGHTS: EQUALITY,  
8   COMPASSION, AND TOLERANCE. IT IS NOW HEREBY PROCLAIMED, BY THE  
9   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
10  ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN CELEBRATING MAY 3RD AND 4TH  
11  AS A COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN VERSUS  
12  BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR CITIES-- ALL OF  
13  OUR CITIZENS AND CITIES AND INCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY  
14  OF LOS ANGELES TO JOIN IN THIS REMEMBRANCE. SO, AT THIS TIME,  
15  LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO DR. THOMAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17  **DR. THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING. TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS BOARD OF  
18  SUPERVISORS, TO MY SUPERVISOR, WHO I FAVOR AS BEING THE BEST,  
19  SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, AND TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS  
20  SERVING ON THIS BOARD WHO SO UNSELFISHLY GIVE OF THEMSELVES TO  
21  SERVE THIS LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS  
22  OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION BEING PRESENTED FROM  
23  THIS BOARD AND AS WE CELEBRATE THIS 50TH YEAR OF CELEBRATION  
24  WHERE, FROM MAY 17TH, 1954, IT BECAME ILLEGAL TO SEGREGATE IN  
25  THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE APPRECIATE THIS LOS ANGELES BOARD FOR



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1 HONORING THIS DAY OF CELEBRATION. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE  
2 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, I  
3 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME, IT'S A REAL HONOR TO RECOGNIZE  
6 A PERSONAL FRIEND AND ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF THE  
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELS. THAT'S THE MONSIGNOR AUGUST MORETTI, WHO  
8 IS CELEBRATING HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY ORDINATION TO THE CHURCH.  
9 ON MAY 5TH, 1954, MONSIGNOR MORETTI WAS ORDAINED AT ST.  
10 VIVIANAS CATHEDRAL BY, AT THAT TIME, CARDINAL JAMES MCINTYRE  
11 FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN  
12 ROME, ITALY. AND MONSIGNOR MORETTI AND HIS FAMILY CAME TO THE  
13 UNITED STATES IN 1949 AFTER WORLD WAR II. HE WAS INTRODUCED TO  
14 BISHOP JOSEPH MCGUNKAN, WHO HELPED HIM ENROLL AT ST. JOHN'S  
15 SEMINARY IN CAMARILLO. AFTER ASSIGNMENTS IN VARIOUS PARISHES  
16 ACROSS OUR COUNTY, MONSIGNOR MORETTI RETURNED TO ROME TO  
17 OBTAIN HIS GRADUATE DEGREES IN CANON LAW FROM THE GREGORIAN  
18 UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOHN LA TREN. AND, AFTER  
19 FINISHING HIS STUDIES, HE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO  
20 WORK AT THE TRIBUNAL AND CHANCERY FOR ECONOMICAL AFFAIRS AND  
21 CONSULTANT, CARDINAL MANNING FOR CHARISMATIC GROUPS AND  
22 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS. HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CANON LAW  
23 SOCIETY OF AMERICA AND A JUDGE OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL.  
24 IN 1984, HE WAS APPOINTED PASTOR OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
25 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH IN PASADENA, A PARISH TO A LARGE



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1 NUMBER OF ALSO MEMBERS OF HIS OWN FAMILY. THIS CHURCH HAS A  
2 CO-ED SCHOOL AS WELL, SERVING CHILDREN UP TO THE EIGHTH GRADE,  
3 WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT. AS PASTOR MORETTI HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL  
4 IN ADDING A KINDERGARTEN CLASS, PROVIDING COMPUTERS AND  
5 COMPUTER INSTRUCTION TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS AND CREATING THE  
6 SCHOOL'S FIRST AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE  
7 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TWO MARBLE STATUES FROM ITALY  
8 WHICH ARE AT THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE CHURCH. SO, AT THIS  
9 TIME, MONSIGNOR MORETTI, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON 50  
10 YEARS FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR  
11 JESUS CHRIST AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS,  
12 AND GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY AND THE GREAT JOB  
13 YOU'VE DONE. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **PASTOR MORETTI:** I COULDN'T COME BEFORE AN AUGUST GROUP LIKE  
16 THIS BY MYSELF, SO I BROUGHT MY BROTHER'S WIFE AND TWO SISTERS  
17 AND THEIR HUSBANDS AND THE PARISH COUNCIL, SO I'M WELL  
18 SUSTAINED HERE IN THE AWESOME PRESENCE OF YOU SUPERVISORS.  
19 REMINDS ME OF MANY YEARS AGO, ONE USED TO COME HERE ON  
20 OCCASION AND GIVE ON INVOCATION ON THE KENNY HAHN AND JAMES  
21 HAYES, WHO MADE ME COMMISSIONER FOR THE LIBRARY BECAUSE I HAD  
22 NOTICED THE ABSENCE OF DICTIONARIES OF OTHER LANGUAGES IN OUR  
23 SCHOOLS. SO I SAID, "YOU BE THE COMMISSIONERS," AND WE GOT A  
24 HOLD OF THOSE DICTIONARIES. YOU SEE, IT'S ALWAYS FOR THE  
25 INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERVISORS TRY TO COORDINATE





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1 A MODUS OPERANDI OF OUR COUNTY AND, OF COURSE, A GREAT FAVOR  
2 BECAUSE OF MY FRIENDSHIP WITH MIKE ANTONOVICH. I THANK ALL THE  
3 BOARD AND YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THIS RECOGNITION, NOT ONLY FOR  
4 MYSELF, BUT FOR THE PRIESTHOOD, FOR ALL THE CLERGY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES AND THOSE WHO SUSTAIN US IN OUR WORK TO INDEED SPREAD  
6 THE GOOD WORD OF THE GOSPEL AND PREACHING AND TEACHING, BY  
7 WORD AND DEED, PEACE AND FRATERNITY AND RESPECT FOR ONE  
8 ANOTHER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND BEST WISHES TO  
9 YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I ARE HERE TO WELCOME  
12 REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES EMERGENCY  
13 MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY AND WE HAVE CAROL GUNTER, WHO IS THE  
14 DIRECTOR. THIS IS PROMOTING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2004 AS SEXUAL  
15 ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. SEXUAL ASSAULT IS AN INTOLERABLE  
16 VIOLENT CRIME WHICH PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS FOR EVERY  
17 PERSON IN OUR COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN  
18 2000, THE NATIONAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER HAS HELPED  
19 WORK TO FACILITATE NATIONAL COLLABORATION AND PROMOTE A  
20 NATIONAL PRESENCE AROUND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
21 ACTIVITIES EVERY APRIL. SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH  
22 PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO LEARN ABOUT  
23 SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS  
24 AND INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE CRITICAL EFFICACY SERVICES AND  
25 ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS. LAST YEAR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 APPROVED A PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
2 SERVICES AGENCY AND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
3 TO DESIGNATE HOSPITAL-BASED SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS,  
4 CALLED S.A.R.T. THIS CONCEPT INVOLVES A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY  
5 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT TO BENEFIT  
6 ALL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE VICTIM, SURVIVOR, THE FAMILY,  
7 THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE COMMUNITY. THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON  
8 ASSAULTS AGAINST WOMEN, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS  
9 FOUNDED IN 1976, IS DEDICATED TO THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE  
10 AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHICH IS-- ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS  
11 TO SEXUAL ASSAULT, WHICH IS A PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY  
12 TRAUMATIC ASSAULT. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED  
13 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
14 SERVICES IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND IN ESTABLISHING  
15 THE S.A.R.T. CENTER HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY. LET ME  
16 HAVE SUPERVISOR BURKE SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO  
17 GIVE MISS GUNTER THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE MEMBERS THAT ARE  
18 WITH HER.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
21 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS  
22 OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO  
23 HAVE A FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULTS AGAINST  
24 WOMEN, TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PREVENT VIOLENT  
25 AND HARMFUL ATTITUDES AGAINST WOMEN WHICH LEAD TO SEXUAL



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1 ASSAULTS AND TO INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION FOR  
2 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS. I'M VERY PROUD  
3 TO JOIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN HONORING THESE INDIVIDUALS  
4 WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO SHATTER THE MYTH THAT SURROUNDS SEXUAL  
5 ASSAULT AND THEY CERTAINLY HAD A WONDERFUL TURNOUT LAST WEEK,  
6 AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO JOIN THEM. MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO  
7 THEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO WITH US IS DENICE LABERTEW, WHO IS  
10 PASADENA DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS  
11 AGAINST WOMEN. ANDREE MORAN, WHO IS THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
12 OF THE L.A. COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS AGAINST WOMEN, AND KERRY  
13 CARUSO FROM THE FORENSIC NURSE PROFESSIONALS. SO CAROL, WHO  
14 WILL BE ACCEPTING, AND THEN WE CAN ALL SAY SOMETHING.

15

16 **CAROL GUNTER:** IT'S VERY MUCH MY HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE E.M.S. SYSTEM TO BE ABLE  
18 TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL. SINCE WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE S.A.R.T.  
19 PROGRAM, WE HAVE ACTUALLY RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM 12  
20 HOSPITALS AND WE EXPECT ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS. THIS IS A  
21 VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM THAT WILL VERY CAREFULLY HANDLE  
22 SITUATIONS THAT ARE VERY SENSITIVE, BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND  
23 PHYSICAL, FOR VICTIMS OF ASSAULT AND WE'RE VERY HONORED TO  
24 IMPLEMENT THIS AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS A REAL ADDITION TO THE  
25 E.M.S. SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ACCEPTING FOR THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION  
3 ON ASSAULTS AGAINST WOMEN IS DENICE, ANDREE, AND CARRIE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR  
6 BURKE. ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS AGAINST  
7 WOMEN, ALL OF OUR BOARD AND STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND SURVIVORS  
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
9 ATTENTION TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. AS YOU KNOW, LAST  
10 WEEK WAS-- LAST WEEK, APRIL 21ST, WAS DENIM DAY IN L.A., AND  
11 IT WAS VERY MUCH SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND WE  
12 APPRECIATE THAT. ONE IN THREE WOMEN WILL BE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED  
13 IN ONE MINUTE IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS ISSUE IMPACTS EACH OF US.  
14 DENIM DAY IN L.A. WAS STARTED BECAUSE OF AN ITALIAN SUPREME  
15 COURT DECISION THAT OVERTURNED A RAPE CONVICTION BECAUSE A  
16 SURVIVOR WAS WEARING JEANS. THEY REASONED THAT, BECAUSE SHE  
17 WAS WEARING JEANS, SHE WOULD HAVE HAD TO HELP AND, THEREFORE,  
18 SHE CONSENTED TO THE SEX THAT WAS FORCED ON HER. ALTHOUGH IT  
19 SEEMS KIND OF STRANGE THAT TODAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
20 WE WOULD SAY, WELL, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY WAS RAPED BECAUSE THEY  
21 WERE WEARING JEANS, WHAT WE DO SAY ARE THINGS LIKE, WHY DID  
22 SHE GO THERE WITH HIM OR WHY DID SHE DRINK TOO MUCH? SEXUAL  
23 ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CHALLENGE  
24 THESE HARMFUL ATTITUDES IN OUR SOCIETY. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
25 AGAIN ON BEHALF OF SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.



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2 **ANDREE MORAN:** MY NAME IS ANDREE MORAN, I AM THE DIRECTOR OF  
3 DEVELOPMENT FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND ONE QUICK NOTE. I DO WANT TO  
4 SAY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE GREAT ABOUT HOSTING  
5 THIS EVENT BUT I CAN ALSO ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT YVONNE  
6 BRATHWAITE BURKE AND HER STAFF WORE JEANS, AND THEY OWN A  
7 GREAT PAIR OF JEANS SO IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE STAFF IN FULL  
8 FORCE THAT DAY IN DENIM. BUT ONE QUICK NOTE, THAT DAY, WHICH  
9 WAS THE 21ST, WE HAD OVER 300 YOUTH, BUSINESS PEOPLE, MEDIA,  
10 EDUCATORS, YOU NAME IT, WE HAD IT OUT THERE IN THE MALL. AND A  
11 LOT OF OUR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS CAME OUT THAT DAY AND WHAT  
12 WAS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HELP US  
13 WITH THAT IS THEY ACCOMPLISHED THREE THINGS. AS FAR AS I WAS  
14 CONCERNED THAT DAY, THEY WERE EDUCATORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND,  
15 ALSO, MOST IMPORTANT, LEADERS, COMMITTED AND SENSITIVE  
16 LEADERS, AND I THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR WHAT HAPPENED THAT  
17 DAY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **CARRIE CARUSO:** AS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS A FORENSIC NURSE  
20 EXAMINER WHO DOES THESE EXAMS IN PARTNERS WITH THE ADVOCACY  
21 AGENCIES, WE'VE TAKEN LEAPS AND BOUNDS TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO  
22 SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES AND THE UNITED  
23 STATES. SO I AM HONORED TO BE HERE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE  
24 THIS HONOR WITH ALL THE FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS IN LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY AND HOPE THAT SERVICES CONTINUE AND GROW IN  
2 THEIR SERVICES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE  
5 AMERICAN BIKERS AIM TOWARDS EDUCATION LOCAL 8 OF CALIFORNIA,  
6 AS WE DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH.  
7 ATTENDING IS LARRY FUFFY, WHO IS THE LEE OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
8 CHAIRMAN, ANDREW BLACK, THE TREASURER, ELOISE BLACK. THE  
9 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IS INTENDED TO HEIGHTEN THE  
10 AWARENESS OF ALL MOTORISTS ON OUR HIGHWAYS BY RECOGNIZING  
11 NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND SAFETY EVENTS FOR MOTORCYCLE  
12 RIDERS. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE A SERIOUS SITUATION WITH SAFETY.  
13 MOTORCYCLES DO PROVIDE AN ECONOMICAL, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY  
14 ALTERNATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL AND ALSO HOBBIES FOR MANY  
15 OTHERS IN CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL OUTINGS, AND SO WE WANT TO  
16 PROTECT BOTH THE RIDERS AND THE COMMUNITY BY HAVING THIS  
17 AWARENESS MONTH TO ENSURE THAT WE ENHANCE OUR SAFETY ON THE  
18 ROAD AND OFF THE ROAD AS WELL. SO LET ME MAKE THIS  
19 PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [ APPLAUSE  
20 ]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
23 AND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ISSUING THE MAY  
24 AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN L.A. PROCLAMATION, IN L.A.  
25 COUNTY. MOTORCYCLES REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ECONOMY





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1 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLES ON THE  
2 ROAD IS INCREASING. MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS IS CRITICAL. JUST  
3 LAST WEEK, JOHN MCDONALD AND I GAVE A MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS  
4 CLASS IN DOWNEY AND, AT THIS CLASS, JOHN SHOWED US A RED LIGHT  
5 CAMERA PHOTO THAT HE HAD OF A CAR THAT HAD RUN A RED LIGHT.  
6 AND, JUST AS THE CAMERA FLASHED, YOU COULD SEE THE CAR HITTING  
7 AND KILLING A MOTORCYCLIST. JUST YESTERDAY, I WAS TRAVELING  
8 DOWN A STREET WITH A 45-MILE-AN-HOUR SPEED LIMIT, AND A  
9 SUBURBAN BACKED OUT IN FRONT OF ME. WITH A LOT OF SCREECHING  
10 AND A LITTLE MANEUVERING, I WAS ABLE TO JUST BARELY MISS THIS  
11 SUBURBAN. PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL AND LOOK FOR MOTORCYCLISTS.  
12 YOU NEED TO REMEMBER THAT, EVERY TIME YOU DRIVE, YOU HAVE A  
13 LIFE IN YOUR HANDS. IT MIGHT BE YOURS OR IT MIGHT BE OURS. BUT  
14 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO IN MONTH WE'RE PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF  
17 MAY 2004 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. AND WITH US THIS MORNING IS  
18 DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 MENTAL HEALTH; TERRY NUECHI, WHO IS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE  
20 L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH; AND STELLA MARCH, WHO IS  
21 REPRESENTING N.A.M.I. L.A. COUNTY WALK'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
22 MENTAL HEALTH IS FUNDAMENTAL TO HEALTH AND \_\_\_\_\_ TO  
23 PERSONAL WELLBEING, FAMILY AND INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS,  
24 AND CONTRIBUTES TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND NATION. MENTAL ILLNESS  
25 DOES AFFECT ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS EVERY YEAR, REGARDLESS OF



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1 AGE, GENDER, RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, OR ECONOMIC STATUS.  
2 OCCURRENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A  
3 SIGNIFICANT CONCERN THAT REQUIRES INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH  
4 TREATMENT WHICH HAS LED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO MAKE A  
5 COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE  
6 FOR ALL RESIDENTS. THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY IS  
7 PROGRESSING TOWARD THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
8 COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES CONSUMER CENTERED  
9 FAMILY FOCUS AND INTEGRATIVE SERVICES THROUGH A MULTI-  
10 DISCIPLINARY TEAM EFFORT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE ALSO  
11 VERY HELPFUL THAT, DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2004, THE MENTAL  
12 HEALTH COMMISSION AND MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE CO-  
13 SPONSORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS WALKS  
14 AND THE ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS IN MAY, AND WE ALSO ARE THE  
15 COUNTY THAT IS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE LANDMARK  
16 LEGISLATION TO REFORM THE TREATMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY  
17 ILL. THAT WAS ASSEMBLYWOMAN HELEN THOMPSON'S LANDMARK  
18 LEGISLATION THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTED, WHICH  
19 WILL HELP PROVIDE CARE TO THOSE MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS WHO HAVE  
20 NO PLACE TO GO. SO AT THIS TIME ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES, WE DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2004.  
22 [ APPLAUSE ]  
23  
24 **DR. SOUTHARD:** I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR THE SUPPORT



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1 THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH EFFORTS OVER THE LAST  
2 YEAR. MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. AS WE CELEBRATE IT, IT'S A  
3 WELCOME RESPITE FROM THE TRIPS TO SACRAMENTO IN WHICH WE ARE  
4 TRYING TO GET ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.  
5 AS WE CELEBRATE MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, WE ARE TRYING TO  
6 DO TWO THINGS: ONE IS TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE  
7 MADE BY ALL OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN  
8 BUILDING THE SYSTEM FOR THE CARE OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL  
9 ILLNESS THAT OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES. BUT THE SECOND THING THAT  
10 WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO LESSEN THE STIGMA  
11 THAT IS RELATED TO MENTAL ILLNESS. MENTAL ILLNESS IS SOMETHING  
12 THAT AFFECTS EVERY FAMILY IN THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND  
13 WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CREATE THE SYSTEM THAT PEOPLE WITH  
14 MENTAL ILLNESS NEED BY OURSELVES. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE WILL BE  
15 ABLE TO CREATE THE SYSTEM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS IF WE  
16 INCLUDE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. AND MAY,  
17 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH, GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT  
18 TO ALL SEGMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO TRY TO CREATE THE SYSTEM  
19 THAT PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES DESERVE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE  
20 ]

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22 **STELLA MARCH:** I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO WHAT DR. SOUTHARD JUST  
23 SAID. WE ARE TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOALS OF THE LOS  
24 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO THE COUNTY BOARD  
25 OF SUPERVISORS WANTING TO MAKE THIS A BETTER COMMUNITY WITH A



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1 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CARE HEALTH SYSTEM THAT HELPS  
2 EVERYONE. WE ARE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS BY HAVING  
3 OUR FIRST ANNUAL WALK, N.A.M.I. WALKS FOR THE MIND OF AMERICA  
4 IS BEING HELD IN 35 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY DURING THIS  
5 MONTH. OURS IS GOING TO BE ON MAY 22ND, SATURDAY MORNING, AT  
6 10:00 WILL BE THE RIBBON CUTTING AND WE HOPE MANY OF YOU HERE  
7 WILL JOIN US AND HELP US MAKE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND TO HELP  
9 BUST THE STIGMA. I'M IN CHARGE OF STIGMA BUSTERS AND I KNOW  
10 ALL ABOUT IT. SO, IF ANYBODY WANTS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IT,  
11 JUST SEE ME AND ALSO PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING US FOR OUR  
12 WALK AND LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW ABOUT IT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE  
13 ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE EDWARD LAYTON,  
16 WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WALNUT  
17 VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, WHO IS JOINING US THIS MORNING AS WE  
18 PROCLAIM ALSO THE MONTH OF MAY IS SCHLOSSBERG WATER AWARENESS  
19 MONTH. THE DROUGHT OF THE YEARS 1987 THROUGH 1993 TAUGHT  
20 CALIFORNIANS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING WATER FOR THE HEALTH  
21 AND WELFARE OF THE STATE AS WATER IS CALIFORNIA'S MOST  
22 PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE. RESIDENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND  
23 BUSINESSES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DECREASED THE USE OF WATER IN  
24 CALIFORNIA AND MUST CONTINUE TO DO SO TO CONSERVE WATER AND  
25 USE IT WISELY. AS THE YEAR MARKS THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE



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1 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL  
2 CALIFORNIANS TO CONTINUE CONSERVING WATER AND FOR THE WATER  
3 DISTRICT AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE THEIR  
4 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY WATER AT THE  
5 LOWEST COST POSSIBLE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER.  
6 SO, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY, THE WALNUT VALLEY WATER  
7 DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES AWARENESS  
8 CAMPAIGN, COMPOSED OF VARIOUS URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL WATER  
9 AGENCIES, CITIES, FARM BUREAUS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WILL  
10 BE WORKING TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF WATER CONSERVATION  
11 TO MAKE IT A WAY OF LIFE. SO NOW WE PROCLAIM THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS THE MONTH OF MAY AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH  
13 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **EDWARD LAYTON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DON KNABE,  
16 AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
17 FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. WE WANT TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT THAT  
18 WATER NEEDS TO BE USED WISELY. IT'S A VERY SCARCE COMMODITY  
19 AND, IF OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS ARE GOING TO HAVE WATER IN THE  
20 FUTURE, WE MUST CONSERVE NOW. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, MAY 24TH, IS ALSO ANOTHER  
23 PROCLAMATION ON LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE AND WITH US IS FRED  
24 FISHER, ARTURO GOMEZ AND MOLLY ROCKEY. A.L.S., OFTEN KNOWN AS  
25 LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE, IS A PROGRESSIVE DISORDER THAT OCCURS



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1 WITHIN MOTOR NERVE CELLS IN THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM WHICH  
2 CEASES FUNCTIONING AND DIES. EACH YEAR, OVER 5,000 PEOPLE IN  
3 THE UNITED STATES, WITH 1,200 PATIENTS CURRENTLY IN  
4 CALIFORNIA, ARE DIAGNOSED WITH THIS ILLNESS, FOR WHICH THERE  
5 IS NO CURE OR CAUSE. THE ADVANCED STAGES CAN COST UP TO  
6 \$200,000 PER YEAR, DEPLETING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF  
7 PATIENTS AND FAMILIES. THE SUFFERING OF PATIENTS AND THE  
8 ANGUISH AND STRUGGLE OF CAREGIVERS MUST BE SUPPORTED AND  
9 ALLEVIATED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SO WE PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF  
10 MAY OF 2004 AS THE LOU GEHRIG MONTH AND I SHOULD SAY  
11 AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS, A.L.S., IS LOU GEHRIG'S  
12 DISEASE, A GREAT BASEBALL PLAYER THAT WE ALL GREW UP  
13 IDOLIZING, AND WE COMMEND OUR INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE  
14 COMMUNITY IN WORKING AND TRYING TO FIND A CURE FOR THIS  
15 TERRIBLE DISEASE AS WELL. SO LET ME MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AT  
16 THIS TIME. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **MOLLY ROCKEY:** ON BEHALF OF THE HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS THAT WE  
19 SERVE IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA, AND THEIR THOUSANDS OF  
20 FAMILY MEMBERS, CAREGIVERS, AND THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS  
21 THAT SUPPORT THEM, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. A.L.S.  
22 AWARENESS MONTH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR  
23 COMMUNITY AND THIS PROCLAMATION IS ONE OF MANY THAT ARE BEING  
24 GATHERED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND WILL BE TAKEN TO  
25 WASHINGTON, D.C. A.L.S. AWARENESS MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY





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1 WILL START ON MAY 8TH WITH A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES EDUCATION  
2 AND INSPIRATION FOR THE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THAT ARE LIVING  
3 TODAY WITH A.L.S. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A TIME-TO-CARE GALA WHERE  
4 WE WILL RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS FOR OUR PATIENT SERVICES  
5 DEPARTMENT. PATIENT SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE FREE, TO PEOPLE  
6 AND FAMILIES LIVING WITH A.L.S., SUPPORT GROUPS, CASE  
7 MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION, AND FREE LOANS OF DURABLE MEDICAL  
8 EQUIPMENT AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. AND THEN,  
9 ON MAY 18TH, WE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON CAPITOL HILL,  
10 WHERE WE WILL BE EDUCATING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, ASKING FOR  
11 THEIR SUPPORT AND ASKING THEM TO HELP US RAISE NEEDED FUNDS  
12 THROUGH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND THROUGH THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS  
14 RECOGNIZED OUR EFFORTS AND, FOR THIS, WE SAY WE ARE TRULY  
15 GRATEFUL. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME PATRICK  
18 LARKIN, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF OUR WONDERFUL DESCANSO GARDENS,  
19 WHICH RECENTLY RECEIVED A BOOST TO ITS REPUTATION WITH ITS  
20 CURRENT AWARD, 10-YEAR ACCREDITATION, BY THE AMERICAN  
21 ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS, A WASHINGTON, D.C. BASED ADVOCACY AND  
22 MEMBERSHIP GROUP OF MUSEUMS, ZOOS, AQUARIUMS, HISTORICAL SITES  
23 AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. ACCREDITATION PLACES DESCANSO GARDENS  
24 AMONG THE ELITE OF THE NATION'S MUSEUMS WHERE, OUT OF THE  
25 NATION'S ROUGHLY 16,000 MUSEUMS, ABOUT 750 HAVE EARNED THE



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1 ASSOCIATION'S ACCREDITATION, INCLUDING THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY  
2 OF NEW YORK, HEARSE CASTLE, AND FRANKLYN INSTITUTE SCIENCE  
3 MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA. DESCANSO'S EVALUATION INCLUDED  
4 EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION OF ITS OPERATIONS AND A TWO-DAY VISIT  
5 BY AN EVALUATION TEAM OF OFFICIALS FROM OTHER MUSEUMS WITH  
6 VERIFIED WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY DESCANSO OFFICIALS  
7 REGARDING ITS PLANT COLLECTIONS, FINANCIAL PRACTICES, BOARD OF  
8 TRUSTEES, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND RECORDKEEPING SYSTEMS. THE  
9 DESIGNATION WILL ATTRACT DONATIONS THAT MAKE IT EASIER TO  
10 RECEIVE GRANTS FROM PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND STATE AND FEDERAL  
11 PROGRAMS TO THE 160-ACRE PARK WHICH CONTAINS THE NATION'S  
12 LARGEST CAMELLIA COLLECTION WITH MORE THAN 35,000 CAMELLIAS IN  
13 AN INTERNATIONAL ROSARIUM FEATURING MORE THAN 3,000 ROSES. ONE  
14 OF THE GREAT COUNTY LEADERS THAT PASSED AWAY ABOUT A YEAR AGO  
15 WAS A WONDERFUL LADY NAMED GEORGIE VANDECAMP, WHO PROVIDED SO  
16 MUCH DIRECTION AND, LIKE SYBIL BRAND DID WITH THE  
17 INSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION, GEORGIE INVOLVED WITH THE BUILDING  
18 OF THE COMMUNITY HALL THERE AND DEVOTING HER TIME AND  
19 RESOURCES AND WAS A GREAT CREDIT TO THE COUNTY AND A GREAT  
20 LOSS IN HER LEADERSHIP AND GREAT LOVE FOR THIS FACILITY. BUT  
21 THEY'VE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND WE RECOGNIZE THEM AND  
22 PERHAPS WE OUGHT TO CONTRACT WITH THEM TO RUN SOME OF THE  
23 HOSPITALS AND THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME...  
24



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1   **PATRICK LARKIN:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
2   ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT THAT IT HAS SHOWN TO  
3   DESCANSO GARDENS OVER THE YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT  
4   THAT THE VISITATION GROUP THAT CAME OUT TO EVALUATE DESCANSO  
5   GARDENS SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
6   COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
7   AND THE DESCANSO GARDENS GUILD. SO I THINK THAT IT IS A HIGH  
8   HONOR FOR THE COUNTY, AS WELL, THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED IN  
9   THIS WAY AND THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AN  
12   INTERNATIONAL COUNTY, WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE  
13   WORLD COMING AND VISITING WITH US. THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING  
14   TO WELCOME, FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE ROTARY CLUB  
15   STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM FROM DISTRICT 3360 IN NORTHERN THAILAND.  
16   THIS EXCHANGE TEAM IS VISITING LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE  
17   ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL AND PEACE  
18   THROUGH A WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE  
19   UNITED IN THE IDEA OF SERVICE. THE TEAM IS COMPOSED OF FIVE  
20   PROUD AND DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONALS, LED BY JURAI CHAMNAN  
21   AND IS BEING HOSTED BY RALLAH LINDSEY, OF ROTARY DISTRICT  
22   5260, WHICH INCLUDES OUR OWN LA CANADA, FLINTRIDGE, GLENDALE,  
23   BURBANK AND THE SAN FERNANDO, CRESCENTA AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS  
24   WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,



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1 LET ME FIRST GIVE THIS TO OUR TEAM LEADER, PAST PRESIDENT AND  
2 FORMER HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE, JURAI CHAMNAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AN EDUCATOR FROM THAILAND IS PORNPIT  
5 LANSUPA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NIKON JIAUNPONG, WHO IS A UNIVERSITY  
8 PROFESSOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE MEDICAL TECHNICIAN IS RENAUI WARAKU.  
11 [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SPECIAL PROJECT OFFICER IS MAUIA CENIBUT.  
14 [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **JURAI CHAMNAN:** SUPERVISOR, IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND GREAT  
17 PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
18 WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY. ON BEHALF OF OUR ROTARIAN  
19 DISTRICT 3360, NORTHERN THAILAND, AND ALL OF US, WE WOULD LIKE  
20 TO EXTEND THE BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN TO  
21 ENJOY MEETING MANY ROTARY CLUBS IN LOS ANGELES, AND TO  
22 \_\_\_\_\_ LOS ANGELES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE OUR  
23 CULTURE, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND KNOW MORE ROTARIANS AND  
24 PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. WE FELT HAPPY AND GRATEFUL. I WOULD  
25 LIKE TO THANK RORY AND TOM LINDSEY, [ INAUDIBLE ] 5260, AND



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1 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, WHICH GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY,  
2 EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE SOME GIFTS  
3 FROM THAILAND FOR SUPERVISORS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BATTING CLEAN-UP IS DAKOTA, WHO WAS EIGHT  
6 WEEKS OLD BEFORE WE STARTED, AND HE'S A BLACK LABRADOR MIX.  
7 THIS IS WHAT WE GET FOR GOING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. NEXT WEEK TO  
8 VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
9 AND THE SUPREME COURT. SO THIS IS LITTLE DAKOTA. HE'S ALSO A  
10 LITTLE COWBOY BECAUSE HE KNOWS, OUT IN CALIFORNIA, WE'RE THE  
11 WILD WEST. SO HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE  
12 TO TAKE DAKOTA, MAYBE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THAILAND, AND YOU  
13 CAN CALL AREA CODE (562)728-4644, AND LITTLE DAKOTA CAN BE  
14 YOURS. AND THE SCARF WILL GO WITH HIM. HE IS A LITTLE BLACK  
15 LABRADOR MIX.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BEFORE WE GO TO ADMINISTRATIVE  
18 MATTERS AND MEMBERS' SPECIALS, WE WILL PROCEED WITH OUR PUBLIC  
19 HEARING, OUR HEARING ITEMS.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D ASK ANYONE IN THE  
22 AUDIENCE WHO PLANS TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
23 ITEMS TO STAND AND BE SWORN IN.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU SEE ANYONE?



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I DON'T SEE ANYONE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S PROCEED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, HEARING ON  
7 THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FEES  
8 REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005, AND THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL  
9 YEAR 2004/2005 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES.  
10 WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR CHAIRMAN. [ NULL ]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AS I UNDERSTAND, THIS REQUIRES A  
13 STAFF STATEMENT.

14

15 **SHARI AFSHARI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHARI AFSHARI AND I'M  
16 AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
17 WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE CONTINUED  
18 COLLECTION ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND  
19 DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES IN THE ATHENS,  
20 WOODCREST, OLIVITA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, MESA  
21 HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL  
22 YEAR 2004/2005. THE REPORT ON THESE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND  
23 DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY  
24 DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT'S NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE FEES AT  
25 THEIR CURRENT LEVELS AND IT'S IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO





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1 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE FEES ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT  
2 PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY AND COST- EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR  
3 COLLECTION OF SUCH FEES FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY  
4 OPINION, THE FEES CONTINUE TO BE FAIRLY IMPOSED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I NEED  
7 A...

8

9 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU, MR.  
10 CHAIRMAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. THERE  
13 HAS BEEN NO ONE TO TESTIFY, NO ONE'S SIGNED UP. THE PUBLIC  
14 HEARING IS CLOSED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
15 MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16 ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON THE COLLECTION  
19 OF FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE  
20 CHARGE. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN. [ NULL ]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A STAFF  
23 STATEMENT ON THIS, TOO.

24



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1   **SHARI AFSHARI:** YES. AGAIN, MY NAME IS SHARI AFSHARI, AND I'M  
2   AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
3   WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED  
4   COLLECTION ON THE TAX ROLL OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION  
5   SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
6   2004/2005. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION  
7   SERVICE CHARGES WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY  
8   DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT'S NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE SERVICE  
9   CHARGES AT THEIR CURRENT LEVELS AND IT'S IN THE PUBLIC  
10  INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX  
11  ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY AND COST-  
12  EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY  
13  OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY  
14  IMPOSED.

15

16  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. DO WE HAVE  
17  ANYONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IN THIS REGARD? I DON'T SEE  
18  ANYONE. IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING'S CLOSED, THE ITEM'S BEFORE  
19  US. MOVED BY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
20  SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FOR THE  
21  RECORD, FOR ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE, ITEM NUMBER 3 HAS BEEN  
22  REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ITEM NUMBER 6 HAS BEEN  
23  CONTINUED TO THE 22ND OF JUNE OF THIS YEAR. ITEM NUMBER 4 IS  
24  BEFORE US.

25



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1   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S THE, FOR THE RECORD, HEARING  
2   ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH  
3   FEES FOR SERVICES CHARGED BY THE REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY  
4   CLERK RELATING TO THE FILING AND INDEXING OF FICTITIOUS  
5   BUSINESS NAMES. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THAT  
8   ITEM NUMBER 4? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. THE ITEM  
9   IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
10   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER  
11   5.

12

13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 5, HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
14   TO TITLE 21, SUBDIVISIONS TO UPDATE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY  
15   FIGURES AND LAND VALUES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS--  
16   DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS PARK PLANNING AREAS IN THE  
17   UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
18   PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NO STAFF STATEMENT IN REGARDS TO THIS  
21   ONE. ANYONE SIGNED UP TO...

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO COMMEND TIM GALLAGHER FOR  
24   DOING THIS. THIS HAS BEEN 14 YEARS AND, THROUGH HIS  
25   LEADERSHIP, WE'RE NOW GETTING THIS REVISED AND CORRECTED, AND



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1 IT WILL HELP US ACQUIRE MORE PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES  
2 IN THE COUNTY THROUGH THIS ACTION. I MOVE THE ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.  
5 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE  
8 ITEM BE APPROVED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY.  
12 WE WILL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR AGENDA BEGINNING WITH SPECIAL  
13 ITEMS BEGINNING WITH SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. YVONNE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
16 MEMORY OF DAVID HARRISON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 6TH. HE WAS  
17 A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND OWNER OF  
18 HARRISON PLUMBING FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
19 WIFE, PRISCILLA HARRISON, TWO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. AND  
20 DAN OTTO, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON APRIL 14TH. HE WAS A  
21 TEACHER FOR 24 YEARS AT CERRITOS COLLEGE, REAL ESTATE  
22 DEPARTMENT IN NORWALK, CALIFORNIA. HE TAUGHT REAL ESTATE  
23 PRINCIPLES. HE WAS A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES, BORN IN 1937. HE  
24 SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY, FOUR YEARS IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE



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1 WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE TEXTBOOK REAL ESTATE PRACTICES. HE'S  
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHERRY, AND FIVE CHILDREN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** ACTUALLY, I WAS NOT HOLDING ANYTHING. I THINK THAT  
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS HOLDING ITEMS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ZEV, YOU'RE UP NEXT ON SPECIALS, IF  
10 YOU'LL PROCEED. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, BUT I DO  
13 HAVE-- I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH IS GOING TO ADJOURN IN THE  
14 MEMORY OF ALPHONZO BELL, ARE YOU? ALL RIGHT. LET ME FIRST OF  
15 ALL TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 8. I HAVE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR MY  
16 ORIGINAL MOTION. IT'S KIND OF-- JUST MODIFIED THE LANGUAGE  
17 SOMEWHAT TO BE A LITTLE MORE NEUTRAL, AND WHICH IS-- I THINK  
18 WAS A GOOD SUGGESTION AND SO DISREGARD THE MOTION THAT WE HAD  
19 POSTED AND I WILL JUST READ THE RESOLVE. "I THEREFORE MOVE  
20 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 REGIONAL PLANNING TO REVIEW THE E.I.S./E.I.R. FOR THE PROPOSED  
22 CABRILLO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS DEEP WATER PORT, RECOMMEND AN  
23 APPROPRIATE COUNTY POSITION ON THE PROJECT OR SUGGEST PROJECT  
24 ALTERNATIVES OR MITIGATION MEASURES WHICH WOULD SERVE TO  
25 PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA BAY AND AREA RESIDENTS FROM NEGATIVE



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1 PROJECT IMPACTS SHOULD ANY BE IDENTIFIED." AND I THINK THEY  
2 MAY HAVE SOMEBODY WANTS TO BE HEARD ON IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES. GEORGE MINTER HAS SIGNED UP TO  
5 TESTIFY. IS GEORGE STILL HERE?

6

7 **GEORGE MINTER:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MY NAME IS  
9 GEORGE MINTER, 500 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE, LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE  
10 TODAY TO ADDRESS AN IMPORTANT ENERGY FACILITY THAT'S PROPOSED  
11 FOR VENTURA COUNTY. IT'S KNOWN AS CABRILLO PORT AND IT IS THE  
12 SUBJECT OF ITEM 8 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. REAL QUICKLY, IT  
13 ADDRESSES DELIVERING MORE NATURAL GAS INTO THE STATE OF  
14 CALIFORNIA. NATURAL GAS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT CLEAN ENERGY  
15 RESOURCE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT'S PLAYED A VERY  
16 IMPORTANT ROLE OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES IN REPLACING OTHER  
17 FUELS AND CONTRIBUTING TO CLEAN AIR PROGRESS. WHAT WE'VE  
18 EXPERIENCED HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND IN CALIFORNIA IN TERMS OF  
19 IMPROVED AIR IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE USE OF NATURAL GAS AND  
20 THE SUBSTITUTION OF NATURAL GAS FOR DIRTIER FUELS. THE REST OF  
21 THE NATION IS NOW MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. THERE'S A  
22 TREMENDOUS INCREASED DEMAND FOR THE USE OF NATURAL GAS. AND  
23 THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS RUNNING OUT OF  
24 NATURAL GAS. THE UNITED STATES ONLY HOLDS LESS THAN 10% OF THE  
25 WORLDWIDE RESOURCES OF NATURAL GAS. MOST NATURAL GAS IS





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1 LOCATED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT'S NOT IN THE U.S. AND,  
2 TO BRING IN THOSE CRITICALLY NEEDED SUPPLIES OF NATURAL GAS,  
3 YOU LIQUEFY IT, YOU TURN IT INTO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS,  
4 L.N.G., AND YOU DELIVER IT INTO THE USER AREAS BY TANKER, BY  
5 AN L.N.G. TANKER. TODAY, THE STATE'S ENERGY COMMISSIONS, THE  
6 UTILITY COMMISSIONS, THE STATE UTILITIES AND MANY OF THIS  
7 REGION'S LARGE GAS USERS, AS REPRESENTED BY VARIOUS BUSINESS  
8 ASSOCIATIONS, ALL CONCUR THAT WE NEED, CALIFORNIA NEEDS AN  
9 L.N.G. OPTION. BUT THERE IS SOME CONTROVERSY ABOUT WHERE TO  
10 LOCATE AN L.N.G. FACILITY. MANY EXPERTS AGREE THAT WE SHOULD  
11 KEEP IT AWAY FROM POPULATION CENTERS, OFF OF THE COAST, AND  
12 ENSURE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. AND THAT IS WHY  
13 B.H.P. BILLITANT, WHICH IS AN AUSTRALIAN RESOURCE COMPANY,  
14 WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT RESERVES OF NATURAL GAS ALREADY IN  
15 PRODUCTION, IS PROPOSING CABRILLO PORT. CABRILLO PORT IS AN  
16 OFFSHORE FLOATING L.N.G. FACILITY. IT'S LOCATED 14 MILES OFF  
17 THE COAST OF VENTURA COUNTY. IT'S LOCATED FAR OFFSHORE IN  
18 ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY, IN ORDER TO AVOID COASTAL  
19 DEVELOPMENT, AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER CRITICALLY NEEDED  
20 SUPPLIES OF GAS. SPECIFICALLY, IT'S LOCATED OUTSIDE OF SANTA  
21 BARBARA'S SENSITIVE MARINE SANCTUARY. ALSO, OUTSIDE OF THE  
22 SHIPPING LANES. IT WILL RECEIVE L.N.G. FROM L.N.G. TANKERS  
23 THAT ARE IN WORLDWIDE COMMERCE. IT WILL STORE THE L.N.G., IT  
24 WILL CONVERT IT BACK INTO NATURAL GAS, AND IT WILL DELIVER  
25 THAT NATURAL GAS TO THE GAS COMPANIES' EXISTING FACILITIES



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1 THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF OXNARD IN VENTURA COUNTY. SO I  
2 WANT TO SIMPLY BE CLEAR. CABRILLO PORT IS NOT LOCATED IN THE  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S 15 MILES AWAY FROM THE NORTHERNMOST  
4 TIP OF L.A. COUNTY. IT'S ALSO NOT LOCATED IN SANTA MONICA BAY.  
5 SANTA MONICA BAY'S OUTER LIMITS REACH TO POINT DOOM AND THIS  
6 FACILITY IS OVER 16 MILES OUTSIDE OF POINT DOOM, NORTHWEST OF  
7 POINT DOOM. BUT B.H.P. BILLITANT DOES UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF  
8 THE RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COUNTY TO REVIEW AND TO ASSESS  
9 THE SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF AN L.N.G.  
10 FACILITY. CERTAINLY THE RESOLUTION SHOULD ADDRESS ALL PROPOSED  
11 L.N.G. FACILITIES THAT MIGHT POTENTIALLY HAVE COUNTY IMPACTS.  
12 THE CABRILLO PORT PROJECT IS CURRENTLY IN THE BEGINNING PHASE  
13 OF A FEDERAL AND STATE E.I.R./E.I.S. PROCESS, AND B.H.P.  
14 BILLITANT, THE PROJECT SPONSOR, UNDERSTANDS THE COUNTY'S  
15 INTEREST AND BELIEVES PARTICIPATION IN THE CURRENT  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS IS THE APPROPRIATE APPROACH FOR  
17 THE COUNTY TO ENSURE ITS INTERESTS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME  
18 TO PUT THIS INTO THE RECORD. I APPRECIATE IT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO THANK MR. MINTER FOR  
21 HIS TESTIMONY AND FOR BRINGING-- FOR HIS EDITING SKILLS-- OR  
22 HIS SUGGESTED EDITING SKILLS, AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND WE  
23 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE MONTHS AHEAD ON THIS,  
24 BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING THAT-- I THINK, IF IT'S A GOOD  
25 PROJECT, THE COUNTY CAN BE AN ALLY. IF IT'S NOT, THAT'S



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1 ANOTHER STORY, BUT I THINK WE OUGHT TO FIND OUT AND I THINK WE  
2 WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. SO I MOVE IT, MR.  
3 CHAIRMAN.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
6 SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, GEORGE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 7. I THINK  
9 YOU HELD IT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. IF WE COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OUT,  
12 PLEASE. I HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. YES. THANK YOU,  
13 FRED. OBVIOUSLY, UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE POSITION IS SUPPOSED  
14 TO DO, THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT IT MAY NOT DO AND  
15 I'D LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT THIS POSITION MAY OR MAY NOT DO  
16 AS IT RELATES TO ONE OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT AS WELL AS TO  
17 MONITOR THE WORKLOAD PERFORMANCE.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** THIS POSITION IS BEING ESTABLISHED CENTRALLY TO  
20 PROVIDE, AS YOU JUST MENTIONED, YOU UNDERSTAND THE BASIC  
21 FUNCTION, BUT TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND POLICY SITTING  
22 FUNCTIONS AT THE CENTRAL LEVEL AND GIVE THE NURSING DISCIPLINE  
23 RECOGNITION AT THAT LEVEL. IT WOULD NOT HAVE DAY-TO-DAY  
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING C.N.O.S, CHIEF NURSING OFFICER, AT  
25 THE FACILITIES, BUT WOULD PROVIDE THEM LEADERSHIP IN TERMS OF



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1 NURSING PRACTICE, IT WOULD IMPORT BEST PRACTICES AND APPLY  
2 THEM THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. IT WOULD NOT-- THE DISPOSITION  
3 WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DAY-TO-DAY SUPERVISION OF THOSE  
4 NURSES. THAT WOULD REMAIN WITH THE C.E.O.S.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE THE POSITION SORT OF READS LIKE, IF  
7 YOU LOOK AT THE WORK STATEMENT, MORE LIKE A NURSING ADVOCATES  
8 POSITION MORE SO THAN AN ACCOUNTABILITY ISSUE. IN OTHER WORDS,  
9 WHEN YOU SAY THAT IT'S STILL-- WHAT ABOUT THE OPERATIONAL  
10 OVERSIGHT OF THE HEADS OF NURSING AT THE VARIOUS FACILITIES?

11

12 **FRED LEAF:** ONE OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CENTRAL  
13 OFFICE, SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE OFFICE OF CLINICAL AFFAIRS,  
14 WHICH IS OVERSEEING THE PHYSICIAN COMPONENT, IS TO ESTABLISH  
15 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND APPLY THEM THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.  
16 SO, IN FACT, THIS POSITION WOULD BE INVOLVED AT THE EXECUTIVE  
17 LEVEL IN ESTABLISHING WORKLOAD INDICATORS AND OVERSEEING THE  
18 PRACTICE OF NURSING IN THE HOSPITALS AS IT RELATES TO BROAD  
19 POLICIES, WHICH IS CRITICALLY NEEDED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO WHAT ABOUT THE SUPPORT TO PUBLIC HEALTH?  
22 THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE MUCH IN THE BOARD LETTER ABOUT  
23 PUBLIC HEALTH.

24



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1   **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THIS POSITION-- PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING WOULD  
2   BE INCLUDED IN THIS CORE GROUP OF NURSE MANAGERS, WHICH IS THE  
3   C.N.O.S AT EACH HOSPITAL AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING  
4   DIRECTOR. THIS POSITION WOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN THE PUBLIC  
5   HEALTH AREA JUST AS IT WOULD IN THE AREAS OF HOSPITAL  
6   PROGRAMS. THIS WOULD-- PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD PLAY JUST AS MAJOR  
7   A ROLE IN THE DAY-TO-DAY INTERACTION WITH THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL  
8   OFFICE AS WOULD THE C.N.O.S AT THE HOSPITALS.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO, AS YOU INDICATED EARLIER, THE CHIEF  
11   NURSING OFFICER AT EACH OF THE HOSPITALS, WOULD THEY REPORT TO  
12   THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING OR TO THE C.E.O. OF THAT HOSPITAL?

13

14   **FRED LEAF:** TO THE C.E.O.S, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH--  
15   THE NURSING DIRECTOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD REPORT TO DR.  
16   FIELDING, AS HE CURRENTLY DOES.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE OTHER ISSUE, OBVIOUSLY, OF IMPORTANCE  
19   IS HOW MUCH IT WILL COST AND WHERE IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO  
20   FIND THE MONEY?

21

22   **FRED LEAF:** WE WERE VERY CAREFUL TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE DID  
23   NOT IMPACT ANY FACILITY IN ITS CARE-GIVING RESPONSIBILITIES,  
24   AND IDENTIFIED PHYSICIANS AS WE ARE-- HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST  
25   TWO OR THREE YEARS, AT THE H.S.A. AND H.S.A. BUDGET UNIT, TO--



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1 AS WE GO THROUGH RESTRUCTURING OUR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS,  
2 THIS IS ONE OF THEM, AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF CLINICAL  
3 AFFAIRS. ALSO, IN THE AREA OF PHARMACY, WE'RE DOING THE SAME  
4 THING BUT WE ARE TAKING THE MONEY FROM EXISTING BUDGET  
5 POSITIONS AND REDIRECTING IT TO FOCUS ON OUR MOST CRITICAL  
6 ISSUES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO, I MEAN, OVERALL, YOU EXPECT THIS TO  
9 IMPROVE OUR NURSING PRACTICES?

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** ABSOLUTELY. WE HAVE SOME EXTREMELY SERIOUS  
12 PROBLEMS, AS YOU KNOW, WITH AB-394. WE NEED AN ACTUAL NURSING  
13 PLAN, STRATEGIC PLAN. THESE NURSES MAKE UP APPROXIMATELY 6,000  
14 MEMBERS OF OUR WORKFORCE, COSTING ABOUT \$500 MILLION, SO I  
15 THINK IT'S A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AND CRITICAL AREA THAT WE  
16 NEED TO MANAGE AND GO FORWARD WITH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WANT TO COMMEND DR. GARTHWAITE'S  
21 COMMITMENT TO DESIGNATE A DIRECTOR OF NURSING AFFAIRS UNDER  
22 HIS SUPERVISION BECAUSE THIS COMPLEMENTS WHAT HE'S ATTEMPTING  
23 TO DO AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR, AS WELL AS ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS  
24 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE NURSING GROUP, AND CLINICAL  
25 ISSUES FOR NURSES IN OUR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS. BUT OUR





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1 QUESTION IS, THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE AN  
2 ADDITIONAL POSITION OF DIRECTOR ONLY ADDRESSES CENTRALIZING  
3 NURSING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. SO THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO  
4 YOU ADDRESS THE PROCESS OF ADDRESSING THOSE COMPLAINTS THROUGH  
5 CENTRALIZATION, THE COMPLAINTS THAT THE NURSES HAVE BEEN  
6 RAISING?

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THIS POSITION WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
9 INTERACTING ON A DAILY BASIS AND IN FORUMS THAT WOULD INCLUDE  
10 ALL OF THE FACILITIES IN WHICH NURSING, YOU KNOW, PLAYS A  
11 MAJOR ROLE. IN THAT FORUM, SHE OR HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO  
12 OVERSEE ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NURSING PRACTICE, WHICH ARE WHAT  
13 MANY OF THE COMPLAINTS COME FROM, PARTICULARLY ENVIRONMENTAL  
14 ISSUES IN EACH OF THE FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, CONTINUING  
15 TRAINING AND SO ON. THIS POSITION WOULD HAVE A SEAT AT THE  
16 EXECUTIVE TABLE AND WOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE AT THE  
17 HIGHEST LEVEL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THERE BE AN ADDITIONAL STAFF ADDED TO  
20 THE OFFICE OF NURSING AFFAIRS WHO WILL INSPECT NURSE  
21 COMPLAINTS IN CLINICAL SETTINGS?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** NO, THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH  
24 OUR EXISTING INTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WILL THE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE FOR  
2   THE FUTURE NURSING BE ENHANCED? AND DOES THIS REQUIRE  
3   ADDITIONAL STAFF?

4

5   **FRED LEAF:** WE DON'T ANTICIPATE A HUGE STAFF AT ALL, MAYBE ONE,  
6   MAYBE TWO STAFF PEOPLE, DEPENDING ON HOW WE INTEGRATE THE  
7   CURRENT NURSE RECRUITMENT OFFICE INTO THIS NEW OFFICE BUT WE  
8   DON'T ANTICIPATE IT TO COST MORE THAN PROBABLY 300,000,  
9   350,000.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL THE CENTRALIZED DATA COLLECTION AND  
12   REPORTING OF NURSING \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLAIN HOW YOU'RE GOING  
13   TO-- THE PARAMETERS OF THE NURSES FIT INTO THAT EQUATION?

14

15   **FRED LEAF:** WELL, AS WITH MANY OF OUR OTHER NUMBERS IN OUR  
16   DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE SOMEWHAT FRAGMENTED AND CURRENTLY WE  
17   RECEIVE, AS MR. JANSSEN KNOWS, WE WERE DISCUSSING THIS JUST  
18   LAST WEEK IN HIS OFFICE, THE REPORTS THAT WE RECEIVE DOWNTOWN  
19   AND WE USE PARTICULARLY IN ASSESSING OUR LABOR NEGOTIATION  
20   ISSUES AND SO ON, WE GET THE-- THE REPORTS ARE NOT CONSISTENT  
21   AMONG FACILITIES. SO ONE OF THE CRITICAL AREAS WE NEED TO  
22   RESOLVE IS TO ESTABLISH INDICATORS THAT ARE CONSISTENT  
23   THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT SO WE'RE ALL COUNTING THE SAME THING  
24   IN TERMS OF OUR NURSING WORKLOAD AND NUMBERS.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THIS INDIVIDUAL IN THIS NEW OFFICE  
2   ENSURE THAT YOU'RE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NURSING RATIOS THAT  
3   HAVE BEEN MANDATED?

4

5   **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THAT'S ONE OF THE CRITICAL DATA ELEMENTS WE  
6   NEED TO IMPROVE UPON SO WE CAN TRULY MEASURE, ON A DAY-TO-DAY  
7   BASIS, THE SHORTAGE THERE AND THIS POSITION WOULD BE REQUIRED  
8   TO FOCUS ON THAT EFFORT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO RECRUIT IN EXCESS  
9   OF A THOUSAND NURSES IN A VERY, VERY-- WELL, WE'D LIKE TO HIRE  
10   THEM TODAY, IF WE COULD, BUT, GIVEN THE SHORTAGE, AS YOU KNOW,  
11   IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. BUT THIS POSITION WOULD HAVE SOME  
12   VERY CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OVERSEEING THE SHORTAGE IN  
13   THIS AREA AND FOR SETTING THE TABLE WITH TOP MANAGEMENT AND  
14   RECOMMENDING ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS IT AS WE--  
15   ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR REPORT MENTIONS THAT THERE ARE GOING TO  
18   BE FIVE INDIVIDUALS REPORTING TO THE OFFICE OF NURSING  
19   AFFAIRS. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THOSE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
20   THE FIVE?

21

22   **FRED LEAF:** YEAH. CURRENTLY, WE DO HAVE A CENTRALIZED  
23   RECRUITMENT OFFICE THAT COORDINATES WITH THE FACILITIES. ALL  
24   THAT NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED AND STRENGTHENED, I BELIEVE, IN TERMS  
25   OF LEADERSHIP. THOSE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE AND



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1 THEY WOULD PRIMARILY BE INVOLVED IN RECRUITMENT AND PROCESSING  
2 OF APPLICATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST A FOLLOW-UP, FRED, IN SOME OF YOUR  
5 ANSWERS. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, IN ZEV'S ORIGINAL MOTION, IT WAS  
6 INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE DUTIES OF THE NEW POSITION WOULD BE  
7 TO MONITOR WORKLOAD PERFORMANCE. NOW, YOU SORT OF RESPONDED TO  
8 THAT TO MIKE AND SORT OF TO ME BUT MY CONCERN IS EITHER IN THE  
9 APRIL 16TH MEMO OR THIS ATTACHMENT, THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE  
10 AS IT RELATES TO THAT, AND SO WHAT WILL THIS POSITION PLAY IN  
11 THAT MONITORING WORKLOAD PERFORMANCE AND INITIATING CORRECTIVE  
12 ACTION PLANS, IF NEEDED? I MEAN, IT'S NOT IDENTIFIED AND IT'S  
13 REALLY OPEN-ENDED.

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ONE OF DR. GARTHWAITE'S  
16 TOP PRIORITIES IS ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY ISN'T THAT IN THE REPORT? I MEAN, I  
19 GUESS WHY...

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** WE'RE REMISS IF WE DIDN'T INCLUDE THAT IN THERE  
22 BECAUSE IT ABSOLUTELY WOULD BE ONE OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS THIS  
23 POSITION WOULD SERVE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH CENTRALIZED DATA ON  
24 WORK PERFORMANCE AND TO MONITOR THAT.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND ALSO, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, ISSUES OF  
2   CORRECTIVE ACTION, IF NEEDED, TOO, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND BEING  
3   REMISS BUT ALSO MY CONCERN IS THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THAT IS OF SUCH  
4   GREAT SIGNIFICANCE, AND I WOULD BELIEVE, I DON'T KNOW, I CAN'T  
5   SPEAK FOR ZEV, BUT THE GENESIS OF THE MOTION ITSELF. AND I  
6   DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN DEFINE IT MORE OR IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
7   ARTICULATE IT. ZEV?

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK YOU RAISE A GOOD POINT  
10   AND I WAS SATISFIED WITH DR. GARTHWAITE'S MEMORANDUM OR LETTER  
11   TO THE BOARD ON APRIL 16TH BECAUSE HE INDICATED, ON THE SECOND  
12   PAGE OF THE REPORT, ALMOST 10 AREAS OF ENDEAVOR: DEVELOPMENT  
13   OF A SYSTEM-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NURSING; I WON'T READ THEM  
14   ALL, SYSTEM-WIDE PLAN FOR NURSING; LEADERSHIP IN THE  
15   DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING AND CLINICAL BEST PRACTICES, ET CETERA.  
16   AND, AT THE END, HE SAYS THAT, "ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN  
17   RECRUITED AND A PLAN DEVELOPED, ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR THE  
18   OFFICE WILL BE CONSIDERED" AND I ASSUME THAT NOT ONLY WILL  
19   ADDITIONAL STAFFING BE CONSIDERED, STAFFING IS NOT AS  
20   IMPORTANT TO US AS THE SCOPE. I MEAN IT WOULD BE WORK IN  
21   PROGRESS AND, I MEAN, NOTHING STANDS STILL ANYWHERE IN THIS  
22   ORGANIZATION. SO THIS IS A HEFTY START, WHAT HE HAS, AND...

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WHAT THE GENESIS OF  
2   THE MOTION WAS, IN PART, SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE WERE HAVING  
3   IN SOME OF OUR HOSPITALS BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING. AND I  
4   JUST, I THOUGHT IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY-- I DISCUSSED IT WITH  
5   DR. GARTHWAITE, THAT THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILL A HOLE.  
6   AND I THINK THE WAY HE'S CRAFTED THIS IN HIS MEMORANDUM IS A  
7   HEFTY START AND THEN WE OUGHT TO-- I MEAN, ALL OF US OUGHT TO  
8   PROVIDE HIM WITH OUR OBSERVATIONS AND OUR INPUT. I'M SURE THE  
9   NURSES WILL AND OTHERS BUT IT CREATES A REPOSITORY OR ONE  
10   INDIVIDUAL IN THE ORGANIZATION WHO DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE  
11   THE LINE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATING THE NURSING COMPONENT OF  
12   A HOSPITAL AND ALL OF THE PRESSURES AND THE DEMANDS ON THE  
13   TIME OF SOMEBODY WHO IS LINE AUTHORITY BUT IT'S SOMEBODY WHO  
14   CAN BE MORE OF A MACRO VIEW AND AID TO THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
15   IN FORMULATING A MORE MACRO VIEW ON THINGS. I THINK HIS TERM  
16   WAS, YOU KNOW, "OF ISSUES THAT ARE SYSTEM-WIDE IN NATURE",  
17   KIND OF GENERIC SYSTEM-WIDE NURSING ISSUES, SO I'M SATISFIED--  
18   MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH HIS RESPONSE AND I WOULD TAKE THAT  
19   AS, ESSENTIALLY, INSTEAD OF WHATEVER MY PREAMBLE TO MY MOTION  
20   WAS, THAT WE ARE ADOPTING HIS REPORT AND THEN GOING FORWARD  
21   STEP BY STEP.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN YOU READ MUCH MORE THAN I DO, MR.  
3 YAROSLAVSKY. ACCORDING TO MR. GARTHWAITE'S REPORT, HE SAYS  
4 HE'S GOING TO CREATE ADDITIONAL POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
5 NURSING AFFAIRS. IT WILL BE FILLED AT A NURSE EXECUTIVE LEVEL-  
6 - "WILL SUPERVISE THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED NURSE RECRUITMENT  
7 AND OF OFFICE STAFF". THAT'S IT. YOU'RE READING MORE INTO IT  
8 THAN THE REPORT IS PROVIDING, AND...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I'M ACTUALLY READING ON PAGE 2 AND I  
11 WOULD, THE FUTURE OF NURSING...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** PAGE 2 UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE  
16 WHOLE THING AS A TOTALITY. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE  
17 OF OPINION ON THAT. I JUST, I LOOK AT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS  
18 ENTIRE LETTER, WHICH IS I THINK IS VERY THOUGHTFUL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENCE AND LET ME GO INTO  
21 THAT. SEE, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
22 CREATE HERE AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW; BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T  
23 GOTTEN A VERY GOOD JOB DESCRIPTION ANYWHERE IN THIS PROCESS.  
24 WE'VE HAD A NURSING PROBLEM AT M.L.K. BECAUSE OF POOR  
25 MANAGEMENT OF NURSING. WE'VE HAD A PROBLEM IN RECRUITMENT



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1 OVERALL, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF LEGISLATIVE MANDATES AND  
2 RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S HAVING A RECRUITMENT  
3 PROBLEM. THE ISSUE IS, IS IT HOW ARE OUR HOSPITALS OPERATING?  
4 NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS, AND I KNOW THAT, WHEN WE LOOKED AT--  
5 WE HAVE THESE VARIOUS LAYERS BUT ALMOST EVERY SINGLE HOSPITAL  
6 OPERATES THE WAY IT IS SET UP, AS I UNDERSTAND, AS ITS OWN  
7 NUCLEUS, AND THEN THEY CREATE ALL THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, THE  
8 REGIONAL, THE CLINICAL SUPPORT, I GUESS IS WHAT YOU'D CALL IT,  
9 WHERE YOU HAVE YOUR-- LIKE IN OUR INSTANCE, WE HAVE EL MONTE  
10 COMP AND WE HAVE ROYBALL AND THEN WE HAVE THE SMALLER CLINICS  
11 THAT OPERATE INTO THAT WHOLE CAMPUS. AND THERE IS A NURSING  
12 DIRECTOR FOR ALL OF THAT. RIGHT? OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 NURSES, WHICH IS DIFFERENT.

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THERE IS A NURSING DIRECTOR THAT GOES WITH  
18 THAT AND THAT'S THE PERSON THAT PROVIDES, BESIDES RECRUITMENT,  
19 THE LEADERSHIP, THE MONITORING, THE MANAGEMENT, AND ALL  
20 ASPECTS OF IT IN LINE, AS I UNDERSTAND, WITH THE DIRECTORS OF  
21 THE HOSPITAL AND THE CLINICS. SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT HE IS  
22 SAYING HERE WHEN HE PUTS IN THIS PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE FUTURE OF  
23 NURSING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. IT WOULD SEEM  
24 TO ME THAT WHAT HE IS DOING HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE IN BRINGING  
25 TOGETHER THOSE NURSING DIRECTORS AND TRYING TO CREATE A



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1 LARGER, OVERALL STRATEGY OF HOW EVERYTHING IS WORKING  
2 TOGETHER, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT. EVERYBODY'S HAD THEIR OWN,  
3 INCLUDING ON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT NEED TO BE PUT IN THERE  
4 AS WELL THAT MR. KNABE HAS RAISED. BUT NOW I'M CONCERNED, AND  
5 NOW THEY'RE PUTTING IN ANOTHER LAYER OF A NURSING DIRECTOR.  
6 AND THIS MEMO SAYS, "THEY'RE NOW GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
7 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION" BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT CREATES  
8 ALL THIS OTHER THING. SO IT'S NOT A GOOD JOB DESCRIPTION. I AM  
9 VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHERE  
10 WE'RE GOING, AND, AGAIN, I COULD SEE, WELL, LET'S BUILD ON IT.  
11 WELL, YOU KNOW, EITHER YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING OR YOU  
12 DON'T. YOU'RE GOING TO HIRE SOMEONE TO DO A JOB BUT WHAT ARE  
13 THE EXPECTATIONS? ARE EACH OF US, AS BOARD MEMBERS, AND AS  
14 EACH-- ARE WE TELLING EACH OF THE HOSPITALS? THERE HAS TO BE  
15 CLEAR EXPECTATIONS AS TO WHAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS GOING TO DO.  
16 THE ROUNDTABLE THAT DR. GARTHWAITE HAS PUT TOGETHER HAD VERY  
17 CLEAR EXPECTATIONS, AS I UNDERSTAND. RIGHT?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY ARE WORKING ON OVERALL PROTOCOLS, THEY ARE  
22 WORKING ON OVERALL ISSUES OF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND  
23 SORT OF A SHARING OF INFORMATION AND DEALING WITH SHORTAGE  
24 ISSUES AND THINGS OF THAT SORT, AS I UNDERSTAND.

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1   **FRED LEAF:** YES.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I AM UNCLEAR, AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS  
4   THAT WE NEED, AND I WOULD HAVE WELCOMED A JOB DESCRIPTION THAT  
5   WOULD HAVE COME WITH THIS TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF  
6   EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS. BECAUSE I AM NOW VERY  
7   COMFORTABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., WITH OUR  
8   NURSING DIRECTOR, AND I UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
9   DUTIES THAT SHE HAS. SO, WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM AND WE NEED A  
10   CORRECTIVE ACTION, I CAN TRUST THAT IT'S BEING IMPLEMENTED  
11   AMONGST THE NURSES BY OUR NURSING DIRECTOR. SHE'S ALSO DEALING  
12   WITH THE RECRUITMENT ISSUES AND THE RETENTION ISSUES, WHICH  
13   SOMETIMES ARE REALLY PERSONAL IN EACH FACILITY, RIGHT? AS TO  
14   HOW THEY'RE INTERFACING WITH DOCTORS. DOCTORS HAVE THEIR OWN  
15   WAY OF DEALING WITH NURSES AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED SOMEBODY WHO  
16   IS WORKING AND DEALING WITH THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT. AND IF  
17   YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., THEY HAVE  
18   DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED. IF YOU REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE LAST  
19   TIME THAT THIS ISSUE WAS RAISED, THERE WAS SOMEONE TALKING  
20   ABOUT HOW POORLY WE WERE DOING, AND I SAID NOT AT L.A. COUNTY  
21   U.S.C. I MADE THEM GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE FIGURES AND HE CAME  
22   BACK AND APOLOGIZED AND SENT ME A LETTER BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN  
23   DOING VERY WELL THERE. AND SO, I COULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS  
24   IN A POLICY NATURE BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT WHAT YOU'RE PUTTING  
25   IN AS ALL OF THIS, THE FUTURE OF NURSING AT D.H.S., WHICH ALL



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1 SOUNDS VERY POSITIVE, BUT THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON NOW WITH THE  
2 NURSES WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER AT THIS ROUNDTABLE AND THEY  
3 DEVELOP THIS THING. AND THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT COLLECTIVELY AND  
4 I UNDERSTAND IT'S BEEN WORKING FAIRLY WELL. BUT THE ISSUE NOW  
5 IS NOW WE'RE HAVING SOMEBODY ELSE WHO IS GOING TO COME IN AND  
6 DO THIS AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT-- IF THEY'RE DOING  
7 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, THAT'S ONE THING. BUT IF THEY'RE  
8 NOW GOING TO BE WORKING ON THE DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS AND THINGS  
9 OF THAT SORT, I-- AND HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH SOME OF THE NURSING  
10 ISSUES THAT SOMETIMES ARE REALLY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH  
11 BECAUSE OF THE PERSONALITIES OF SOME OF THESE DOCTORS, THE  
12 EXPECTATION OF HOW THE TRAINING IS GOING ON, THE TRAINING AT  
13 L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MAY BE DIFFERENT THAT'S GOING ON AS THE  
14 EXPECTATION-- VERY CLEAR AT M.L.K., HOW THERE WAS A LOT OF  
15 LAXNESS THERE. AND SO IT ALMOST HAS TO BE ON SITE. AND THAT'S  
16 WHY IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE THAT-- TO HAVE SEEN A JOB  
17 DESCRIPTION THAT GOES WITH THIS. BECAUSE I READ IT FROM DR.  
18 GARTHWAITE'S REPORT AS SAYING I-- YES, WE ARE GOING TO CREATE  
19 AN ADDITIONAL POSITION THAT'S GOING TO BE IN CHARGE OF  
20 DIRECTOR OF NURSING AFFAIRS AND THEN HE GOES ON, "THAT WILL  
21 SUPERVISE THE CURRENT AND THE PROJECTED NURSE RECRUITMENT".  
22 THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS. IT DOESN'T SAY THE PROTOCOLS AND ALL OF  
23 THE FUTURE NURSING ISSUES. THAT, THEY'RE DOING WITH ALL THE  
24 NURSING DIRECTORS THAT GO FROM OUR HOSPITALS INTO THIS  
25 ROUNDTABLE THAT GOES ON. SO I AM HESITANT TO SUPPORT IT AS IS



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1 NOW, AND INCLUDING THE MONEY THAT GOES WITH IT BECAUSE WE  
2 MIGHT BE CREATING A WHOLE NEW-- AND YOU'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT  
3 THIS AND I KNOW BECAUSE I DEAL WITH MY NURSES AT L.A. COUNTY  
4 U.S.C., AND DAVE HAS GONE WITH ME ON SOME OF THESE THINGS, AND  
5 IT CAN BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU'RE NOW CREATING A WHOLE NEW  
6 LAYER OF, QUOTE, "POTENTIAL SUPERVISION" AND-- WHEREAS, AS YOU  
7 LOOK AT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MEDICAL DIRECTORS AT OUR HOSPITALS,  
8 THEY HAVE VERY, VERY CLEAR RESPONSIBILITIES AS TO HOW THEY  
9 INTERFACE WITH ALL OF THE OTHER DOCTORS, WHETHER THEY'RE ON  
10 OUR STAFF OR NOT, WHETHER THEY'RE THE TEACHING DOCS, WHETHER--  
11 THEY HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES. AND, IN FACT, THEY'RE  
12 HELPING US IN DEVELOPING OUR NEW CONTRACTS AS THE KIND OF  
13 RESPONSIBILITY THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE IN INTERFACING WITH  
14 THEM. AND IT'S BEEN TOUCHY, A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT, FROM TIME  
15 TO TIME, BUT IT IS PRETTY WELL DEFINED AND IT DOES CREATE  
16 PROBLEMS. I'M WORRIED THAT, IN THIS ONE, YOU'RE CREATING A  
17 POSITION, YOU'RE PUTTING HIM THERE, AND THEN WE'RE NOT SURE  
18 EXACTLY WHAT THAT INTERFACE IS DIRECTLY WITH OUR NURSING  
19 DIRECTORS OF EACH OF OUR HOSPITALS. AND I WORRY ABOUT THAT. SO  
20 I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE TO HAVE DEVELOPED A  
21 CLEAR JOB DESCRIPTION, A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE  
22 OUTCOMES ARE BECAUSE THIS MEMO LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE AN  
23 OUTCOME OF A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS, A SORT OF A CENTRALIZED  
24 THING. BUT IN THE END, IT ONLY SAYS BUT WE'RE DOING IT FOR  
25 THIS THING "RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION". AND, IF IT'S MORE THAN





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1 THAT, I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT IT'S MORE THAN THAT BECAUSE I'D  
2 LIKE TO KNOW HOW OUR NURSING DIRECTORS AT OUR HOSPITALS ARE  
3 GOING TO BE INTERFACING. RIGHT NOW, THE CONVENING OF THIS  
4 ROUNDTABLE THAT DR. GARTHWAITE HAS PUT TOGETHER HAS BEEN  
5 HELPFUL AND I THINK A LOT OF IT DID DEAL WITH SOME OF THE  
6 PROBLEMS THAT WERE OCCURRING OR THE LAXNESS. I KNOW, AT L.A.  
7 COUNTY U.S.C., WE WERE VERY INVOLVED IN EXPRESSING CONCERN  
8 ABOUT THE NURSE DIRECTOR AND NOT BEING MORE HANDS-ON AND MORE  
9 DIRECTLY INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WHEN  
10 IT CAME TO NURSES. BUT NOW THAT HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND VERY,  
11 VERY DRAMATICALLY AND IT'S BEEN WORKING VERY, VERY WELL. I  
12 DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT TAKEN AWAY OR CHANGED UNLESS I KNOW HOW  
13 IT'S GOING TO BE CHANGED AND THAT'S MY CONCERN AT THIS POINT  
14 IN TIME.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE, IT  
17 WOULD HAVE-- IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREMATURE, I THINK, FOR DR.  
18 GARTHWAITE TO DEVELOP A JOB DESCRIPTION BEFORE HE KNEW WHETHER  
19 THE BOARD WANTED TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD AT ALL. WE DIDN'T CREATE  
20 A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH BEFORE WE  
21 APPROVED THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WE DIDN'T CREATE JOB  
22 DESCRIPTIONS FOR A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS BEFORE WE DID THEM  
23 AND I THINK THAT'S THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO DO IT. I THINK IT  
24 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO AT LEAST APPROVE THIS, AT THIS TIME,  
25 WHICH WOULD INDICATE TO THE DIRECTOR THAT WE WANTED TO



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1 PROCEED. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT THAT ASKS HIM TO  
2 COME BACK WITH THE JOB DESCRIPTION, THAT'S FINE WITH ME. I  
3 THINK WE'LL-- PERIOD. THAT'S FINE WITH ME AND I WOULD ACCEPT  
4 THAT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. BUT LET'S JUST--  
5 - YOU EITHER DO IT OR DON'T DO IT AND I THINK-- I MEAN, I'VE  
6 DISCUSSED THIS WITH TOM AT SOME LENGTH AND THIS ISN'T  
7 SOMETHING HE'S DOING JUST ON A WHIM. I THINK HE'S THOUGHT THIS  
8 THROUGH AND THINKS THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM AND IN HIS  
9 ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THAT'S EVIDENCED  
10 IN HIS MEMO. BUT I THINK IT'S FAIR. IF THE BOARD WANTS TO LOOK  
11 AT THE JOB DESCRIPTION, AT LEAST LET'S GIVE HIM A SENSE THAT  
12 WE WANT THEM TO PROCEED DOWN THIS LINE AND SEE WHAT, YOU KNOW,  
13 THE SALARY RANGE, THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, LINE  
14 RESPONSIBILITIES, IF ANY, ARE, ET CETERA. I HAVE NO PROBLEM IF  
15 YOU WANT TO MAKE THAT AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WAIT...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THAT IS THE CASE-- IF I COULD JUST QUICKLY...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE HAD ASKED TO SPEAK...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I JUST QUICKLY JUST-- IF THAT'S AGREEABLE,  
24 COULD YOU HAVE A CORRECTLY UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THAT INTERFACE  
25 IS RIGHT NOW WITH THE NURSING DIRECTORS AT EACH HOSPITAL AND



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1 THEIR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY AS FAR AS MONITORING, MANAGING,  
2 AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, MAKING SURE THE TRAINING IS  
3 COMPLETED, THE CERTIFICATION. BECAUSE THEY'RE INVOLVED AT  
4 EVERY ASPECT OF THIS AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. HOW  
5 WOULD THIS RELATE WITH THIS PERSON ON TOP?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** WE CAN CERTAINLY...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S MY QUESTION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S MY QUESTION. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. WILL  
16 THIS PERSON BE INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
17 NURSING AT EACH HOSPITAL?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** NO. THE SELECTION WOULD REMAIN WITH THE C.E.O.,  
20 OBVIOUSLY, WITH INPUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL AT THE  
21 DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN WOULD THE NURSING DIRECTOR, WHO WOULD  
24 THAT NURSING DIRECTOR AT EACH HOSPITAL, WHO WOULD THEY REPORT  
25 TO?



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1

2 **FRED LEAF:** THE C.E.O., AS THEY CURRENTLY DO.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY WOULD REPORT TO THE C.E.O. IN TERMS OF  
5 RECRUITMENT, HOW WOULD THE RECRUITMENT BE DIVIDED UP? RIGHT  
6 NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS RECRUITMENT IS AT INDIVIDUAL  
7 HOSPITALS. WILL IT THEN MOVE TO THE HEALTH-- THE DOWNTOWN  
8 OFFICE OR HOW WILL THAT BE-- HOW IS IT ANTICIPATED?

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** NOW, CURRENTLY, IT'S A COMBINATION. EACH FACILITY  
11 IS INVOLVED IN RECRUITMENT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO  
12 UNIQUE NEEDS-- THEY'RE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE UNIQUE NEEDS AT  
13 THE GROUND LEVEL AT EACH FACILITY. THERE'S ALSO A CENTRAL  
14 OFFICE FUNCTION THAT PARTICIPATES WITH ALL OF THE NURSING  
15 OFFICERS IN A BROADER RECRUITMENT EFFORT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT  
16 FUNDS IN WHICH THE NURSES ALL PARTICIPATE AND IT IS SORT OF--  
17 BUT IT IS COORDINATED DOWNTOWN. BUT THAT'S THE WAY THE  
18 RECRUITMENT WORKS CURRENTLY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET IS A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF  
21 HOW THIS WILL BE A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, A QUALITY OF HEALTH  
22 DELIVERY SYSTEM. WILL THIS DIRECTOR OF NURSING FUNCTION  
23 SIMILAR TO THE WAY THE DIRECTORS DOWNTOWN FUNCTION IN TERMS OF  
24 REVIEWING THE ALLOCATIONS OF NURSES TO EVALUATE QUALITY  
25 ASSURANCE AND THE ALLOCATION OF NURSES PER EACH DEPARTMENT?



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1 WILL THEY BE INVOLVED IN THAT? WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT IS  
2 HOW DOES IT HELP US IN TERMS OF QUALITY?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH. NO, THEY WOULD BE-- THAT WOULD BE--  
5 OBVIOUSLY, ASSESSMENTS OF WORKLOAD AND ASSIGNMENTS OF NURSING  
6 STAFF WOULD BE THE-- REST WITH THE FACILITY LEVEL. HOWEVER,  
7 RIGHT NOW, IT IS SOMEWHAT FRAGMENTED IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW,  
8 EACH NURSING OFFICER HAS TO TAKE A RESPONSIBILITY TO JUMP  
9 DOWNTOWN AND DO SOME MORE-- YOU KNOW, PARTICIPATE IN A  
10 PARTICULAR EFFORT, AND THE ROUNDTABLES, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
11 REFERENCED, ARE VERY HELPFUL AND HAVE BEEN REALLY A MOVE  
12 FORWARD.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NOW, THE PROBLEM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
15 WHERE THE NURSES WERE NOT TRAINED, HOW WILL THIS PERSON CHANGE  
16 THAT?

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, IN-- RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF OR A  
19 PERSON WHO CAN BE FOCUSED AND HAS A REALLY STRONG BACKGROUND  
20 IN, IN THIS CASE, THE AREA OF NURSING TO MAINTAIN CENTRAL DATA  
21 OR ASSESSMENT OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED AT THE  
22 FACILITY LEVEL, SUCH AS CREDENTIALING, TRAINING, CONTINUING  
23 EDUCATION, AND SO ON. THIS PERSON WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
24 ESTABLISHING THAT KIND OF REPOSITORY SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A  
25 DASHBOARD REPORT ON NURSING JUST AS WE ARE DEVELOPING ON



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1 DOCTORS AND OTHER DISCIPLINES AS WE CURRENTLY SPEAK. ALSO, THE  
2 IMPORT AND EXPORT AND APPLICATION OF BEST PRACTICES AT OUR  
3 HEALTH LEADERSHIP BOARD, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS BY  
4 NURSING STAFF AT VARIOUS FACILITIES. WE HAVE THEM FROM OLIVE  
5 VIEW, WE HAVE THEM FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING. ALL OF OUR  
6 FACILITIES. BUT, RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NOT AN OFFICE THAT CAN  
7 FOCUS ON ACTUALLY TAKING THOSE BEST PRACTICES AND TRANSLATING  
8 THEM INTO ACTION THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, AFTER THE PERSON FINDS OUT THAT IT'S NOT A  
11 BEST PRACTICE, WHAT DO THEY DO? SEE, ORDINARILY, WHEN YOU  
12 HAVE-- YOU FIND OUT THAT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG, YOU HAVE  
13 SOME LINE OF AUTHORITY THAT YOU CAN CORRECT IT. I'M TRYING TO  
14 FIGURE OUT HOW THIS PERSON, THEIR LINE OF AUTHORITY, WHERE  
15 THEY CORRECT, IF THERE IS FOUND TO BE A PROBLEM.

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, ACTUALLY, IT'S KIND OF THE REVERSE OF THAT.  
18 IT WOULDN'T BE I CAN DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM ASPECT BUT IT WOULD  
19 BE IDENTIFYING, ACTUALLY, THE BEST PRACTICES AT A PARTICULAR  
20 FACILITY AND APPLYING THEM, NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG  
21 WITH THE PRACTICE, LET'S SAY AT HARBOR, THERE MIGHT BE  
22 SOMETHING MUCH-- VERY RIGHT ABOUT A PRACTICE AT OLIVE VIEW  
23 THAT WE'D WANT TO APPLY SYSTEM-WIDE. THIS PERSON WOULD BE  
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING BEST PRACTICES AND WORKING WITH THE  
25 C.N.O.S TO APPLY THEM COUNTYWIDE. AS TO A PROBLEM WITH A





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1 PARTICULAR FACILITY THAT THIS PERSON WOULD IDENTIFY, THAT  
2 WOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS, THROUGH BOTH THE  
3 DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE ISSUE  
4 WAS FOR ACTUALLY EXECUTING THE CORRECTION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS  
7 BUT I DO THINK THERE HAS TO BE A VERY CAREFUL DELINEATION OF  
8 AUTHORITY OR YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TOTAL CHAOS, EVEN WORSE THAN  
9 IT IS NOW. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DELINEATION OF AUTHORITY  
10 AND WHO THE PERSON RESPONDS TO, HOW THEY CORRECT PROBLEMS,  
11 AND-- SO THAT THEY GO INTO A STRUCTURE THAT'S CLEAR SO  
12 EVERYONE'S NOT FIGHTING. BECAUSE IT CAN-- ONE THING WHEN YOU  
13 SUPERIMPOSE A PERSON, THAT PERSON HAS TO HAVE SOME METHOD OF  
14 CARRYING THROUGH ON THOSE THINGS THAT THEY FIND OUT AND THAT'S  
15 THE ONE THING, I THINK, THAT, WHEN YOU SAY A JOB DESCRIPTION,  
16 I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS FOR US TO KNOW EXACTLY  
17 WHERE THIS PERSON FITS INTO THE STRUCTURE.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** AND I THINK, BASED ON SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S  
20 COMMENTS ABOUT THE-- HIS CONCURRENCE WITH THE NEED TO CLARIFY  
21 THE DUTIES AS WE GO FORWARD AND ALSO THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE  
22 REST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, I THINK IT WOULD BE...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT TO CLARIFY BUT TO SPELL THEM OUT.

25



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1   **FRED LEAF:** PARDON ME?

2

3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT TO CLARIFY BUT TO SPELL THEM OUT.

4

5   **FRED LEAF:** CORRECT.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE CONCERN IS THAT THERE IS NOT  
8   ENOUGH MEAT ON THOSE BONES WHICH IS...

9

10   **FRED LEAF:** YES.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I THINK THAT'S A LEGITIMATE...

13

14   **FRED LEAF:** AND I GUESS, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED, TO  
15   ACTUALLY... [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CONCERNS AN  
18   AMENDMENT AND SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS  
19   WILLING TO INCLUDE THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AS WELL, TOO,  
20   BUT, ALSO, THE QUESTION YOU NEVER REALLY ANSWERED THAT I ASKED  
21   WAS THE-- I THINK YOU NEED TO GIVE US A BALLPARK FIGURE ON HOW  
22   MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST. I MEAN, YOU TOLD US WHAT YOU DIDN'T  
23   WANT IT TO IMPACT BUT YOU NEVER PUT A DOLLAR AMOUNT TO THAT,  
24   SO I THINK THAT IS OF ISSUE, TOO, AND... OKAY? SO WITH THOSE  
25   AMENDMENTS AND CONCERNS...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SURE. SO IT'S COMING BACK TO US. IS THAT  
3 THE IDEA?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE INTENT WAS THAT THE JOB  
6 DESCRIPTION-- OR THE JOB SPECIFICATIONS AND HOW THEY-- THE  
7 POSITION INTERRELATES TO EVERYTHING, BOTH YOURS AND MS.  
8 BURKE'S ISSUES, WOULD COME BACK, THE JOB DESCRIPTION WOULD  
9 COME BACK. I'D LIKE THEM TO WALK AWAY FROM HERE, IF WE'RE  
10 GOING TO APPROVE THIS, IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WANT TO  
11 MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION; OTHERWISE, IF WE DON'T WANT TO MOVE IN  
12 THIS DIRECTION, THERE'S NO POINT IN THEM GOING THROUGH THIS  
13 EXERCISE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T WANT TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION  
16 UNTIL I KNOW THAT BUT, IF THEY ARE GOOD OVERALL POLICY REASONS  
17 THAT SOMEBODY SHOULD BE DOING THAT, I WANT TO MOVE IN THAT  
18 DIRECTION, I GUESS IS WHAT I'M SAYING. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF  
19 THAT'S GOING TO NOW CREATE A NURSING DIRECTOR THAT HAS TO GO  
20 GET APPROVAL FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR LEADERSHIP ISSUES  
21 THAT THEY'VE BEEN HANDLING WELL, THEN I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
22 THAT. THAT'S WHAT I GUESS I WANT TO KNOW.

23

24 **FRED LEAF:** I THINK WE CAN RESPOND TO THAT IN A VERY SHORT  
25 PERIOD OF TIME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO OUT AND HIRE  
3 SOMEBODY WITHOUT A JOB DESCRIPTION.

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AMENDMENT I HAD OFFERED FOR CONSIDERATION  
8 TODAY WOULD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES  
9 TO REPORT BACK PRIOR TO BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND OPTIONS TO  
10 ESTABLISH, ESSENTIALLY, THE COORDINATED PRESENCE ON NURSING,  
11 MANAGEMENT, AND POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ROLES AND  
12 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH AN OFFICE, THE COST OF THE NEW  
13 DIRECTOR OF NURSING CARE OFFICE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO USE  
14 EXISTING STAFF RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THIS LEADERSHIP. THAT WAS  
15 MY AMENDMENT AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR BURKE HAD A RECOMMENDATION  
16 AS WELL.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY, IT WAS A SUBSTITUTE, AND WE-- WE  
19 MADE THE DECISION AT THAT TIME THAT YOU INTRODUCED IT, TO  
20 DEFER IT TO LAST WEEK AND I WAS ILL LAST WEEK AND I APPRECIATE  
21 THE BOARD PUTTING IT OVER UNTIL THIS WEEK SO THAT WE COULD GET  
22 A REPORT-- A MEMO FROM THE HEALTH DIRECTOR, WHICH WE HAVE. AND  
23 I THINK WE'RE IN A POSITION TODAY TO BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC  
24 THAN YOUR MOTION ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED. AND, OBVIOUSLY, IF,  
25 WHEN THEY COME BACK AND THE JOB DESCRIPTION IS A DISASTER AND



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1 PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT AND THE BOARD DOESN'T LIKE IT, YOU CAN  
2 PULL THE PLUG ON IT. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S LIKELY TO BE THE  
3 CASE. I EXPECT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS  
4 THAT EVERYBODY HAS HAD.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, I MEAN, LET'S...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M JUST-- I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE  
11 IMPATIENT, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, BECAUSE I KNOW SOME OF THOSE OTHER  
12 ISSUES YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION AND I... SOMETIMES YOU NEED  
13 MORE INFORMATION AND I REALIZE THAT. I JUST GET SO EXCITED  
14 WHEN YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THINGS. ANYWAY, WE HAVE THE  
15 MOTION AS AMENDED...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL REMEMBER THAT. IT'S ONLY BEEN A MONTH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...AND, WITH THAT, SO ORDERED, WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, I'M NOT CLEAR ON THE...

23



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AS  
2    AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BURKE, AND ANTONOVICH, AND ALL  
3    OTHERS.

4

5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

8

9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, BUT IT'S COMING BACK, NOT ONLY WITH A  
10    DESCRIPTION...

11

12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH A JOB DESCRIPTION AND THE OTHER ISSUES,  
13    IT IS COMING BACK.

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE DELINEATION OF REPORTING AUTHORITY,  
16    THERE WILL BE DOLLARS INCLUDED, YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE THING.

17

18    **FRED LEAF:** YES. WE'LL PROVIDE A CLEAR-CUT JOB DESCRIPTION AS  
19    WELL AS THE DOLLARS ANTICIPATED TO BE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT  
20    THEM.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT WAS THE SHORT ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
25    SO I APPRECIATE THE-- I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME. I'M  
3 SORRY. I NEED TO GO BACK. I APOLOGIZE. SUPPORT RECONSIDERATION  
4 OF ITEM-- I DO BELIEVE WE DID HAVE SOMEONE SIGNED UP. DR.  
5 ERNIE SMITH. DR. SMITH, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

6

7 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN KNABE. SINCE  
8 THE MOTION'S BEEN PASSED TO GO FORWARD, I THINK MY  
9 PRESENTATION WOULD BE MOOT. MAYBE I SHOULD COME BACK WHEN THEY  
10 COME WITH THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND GIVE SOME OF THE  
11 COMMUNITIES' CONCERNS RELATIVE TO SOME QUESTIONS THAT HAVE  
12 BEEN POSED. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SEE PEOPLE WHO  
13 HAVE BEEN KIND OF, IN OUR VIEW, IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF  
14 THE PROBLEM, COMING TO YOU WITH THE COMPLETE SOLUTION, OKAY?  
15 SO ASKING PEOPLE WHO DID NOT HAVE THE VIEW TO DO WHAT'S BEING  
16 DONE NOW, THAT IS, CREATE A DEPARTMENT-- A DIRECTOR OF NURSING  
17 AND THEN ASKING THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T HAVE THAT FULL  
18 UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, YOU NEED SOMEONE  
19 FROM NURSING TO COME AND TELL YOU THE WAYS THAT THIS PERSON  
20 CAN BE EFFECTIVE. YOU CANNOT ASK PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT NURSES TO  
21 DO THAT AND THAT'S KIND OF THE CONCERN, THAT THERE'S NO ONE  
22 SETTING AT THE HELM IN THE DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES  
23 REPRESENTING THE ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND PERSPECTIVES OF NURSES.  
24 SURELY THE DOCTORS ARE THE LEAD PERSONS IN THE DELIVERY OF THE  
25 MEDICAL EFFORT BUT IT'S THE NURSES IN THE CLINICS AND THE



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1 HOSPITALS WHO DO THE HANDS-ON CARE AND THIS IS WHAT NEEDS TO  
2 BE REFLECTED AT ALL LEVELS OF ADMINISTRATION, ESPECIALLY AT  
3 THE TOP BECAUSE THEY'RE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IT.  
4 THERE WAS NEVER INTENT TO UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
5 DIRECTORS OF NURSES AT THE HOSPITAL LEVEL. THEY SHOULD HAVE  
6 THE AUTONOMY TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY IN THEIR PARTICULAR  
7 HOSPITALS BUT DOES THAT INFORMATION THAT EACH OF THEM ARE  
8 BRINGING, OKAY, RISE TO THE TOP AND ALWAYS BE THERE TO  
9 REPRESENT THE TOTAL PLANNING OF THE DEPARTMENT? THERE NEEDS TO  
10 BE NURSING PLANNING IN THIS COUNTY AND THAT'S NOT WHAT'S  
11 OCCURRING WITH THESE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS. WHAT WE HAVE NOW  
12 ARE QUEENS AND THEIR BEEHIVES AT EACH COUNTY CLINIC,  
13 DEPARTMENT-- I MEAN, HOSPITAL, AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING  
14 ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT NURSING ISSUES ARE AT THE HIGHEST  
15 LEVELS AT ALL TIMES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION  
18 ADDRESSES AND I THINK EVERYONE SHARES THAT CONCERN, AND SO...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, DR. SMITH. DR. SMITH AND I WENT TO  
21 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AND COLLEGE TOGETHER.

22

23 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** RIGHT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN YOU BECAME A DISTINGUISHED...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WOW! HE LOOKS A LOT YOUNGER THAN YOU DO,  
3 MIKE. [ LAUGHTER ]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM 28, I  
6 HELD, I BELIEVE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THAT FOR THREE  
7 WEEKS?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THAT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANTED...

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT-- MY CONCERN WAS I JUST  
16 UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS CITY OF L.A. SORT OF PUSHING THIS THING  
17 AND...

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THAT'S NOT THE REASON. I MEAN, THEY HAVE  
20 AN ISSUE, BUT THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND RATHER THAN GET INTO THE ISSUE TODAY,  
2   ALTHOUGH I'M HAPPY TO DO IT, WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS TO  
3   UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT TO THIS SITUATION AND...

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...WE CAN ASK THE DISCUSSION IN THREE WEEKS  
8   IF THERE'S SOMETHING TO WORK OUT.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THE ITEM-- ITEM 28, THEN,  
11   WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO READ A  
14   MOTION IN, AND I... I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE THING.  
15   BUT, IN ADVANCE OF OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, AND I THINK, MR.  
16   FORTNER, YOU HAVE ADVISED MY STAFF THAT WE CAN APPROVE THIS.  
17   IF WE CAN, I'D LIKE TO. IT'S TO TAKE A POSITION, PREPARATORY  
18   TO OUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ON THE RYAN WHITE CARE ACT FUNDING  
19   CUTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE MOTION IS TO ASK SECRETARY  
20   WRIGHT AND ASK SECRETARY THOMPSON FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
21   REDUCTION, TO SEND A LETTER TO THE L.A. COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL  
22   DELEGATION URGING THEM TO TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE  
23   RESPONSE TO FEDERAL FUNDING AND ALLOCATION STRATEGIES FOR  
24   H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY, INSTRUCT THE  
25   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO ENGAGE FULLY AND VIGOROUSLY



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1 IN FEDERAL POLICY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT  
2 SUPPORT SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH OR AT RISK FOR H.I.V. ALSO, TO  
3 INSTRUCT THE D.H.S. TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE ITS ADVOCACY  
4 EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SACRAMENTO AND MAINTAIN  
5 FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIPS WITH H.I.V. AND  
6 A.I.D.S. POLICY ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS. INSTRUCT THE CHIEF  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE D.H.S. TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY  
8 FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF RYAN WHITE COMPREHENSIVE A.I.D.S.  
9 RESOURCES EMERGENCY ACT THAT WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE  
10 APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES  
11 AND, FINALLY, INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. AND THE D.H.S. TO PROVIDE  
12 THE NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THIS PROJECT. CAN WE DO  
13 THAT TODAY?

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15 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
16 GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE MOTION AND REFERRING TO OTHER  
17 RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
18 REAFFIRMING OUR BOARD POLICY, YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND ADOPT THAT  
19 TODAY. THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY URGENCY FINDINGS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I MOVE IT.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ZEV, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW, ON ITEM  
24 NUMBER 5 OF YOUR MOTION, IF WE COULD ADD, IN ADDITION TO THE



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1 C.A.O. AND D.H.S., THAT WE DEVELOP OUR STRATEGY IN CONJUNCTION  
2 WITH THE H.I.V. COMMISSION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AS  
7 AMENDED BY MYSELF. I'LL SECOND. ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AND LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS  
10 TELL YOU HOW MUCH I MISSED YOU LAST WEEK. I ACTUALLY WATCHED A  
11 GOOD PORTION OF THE MEETING ON MY COMPUTER AT HOME AND I HAVE  
12 A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION, VIOLET, WHICH IS THAT-- AND I DID  
13 RECEIVE A COMPLAINT FROM SOMEONE WHO IS HARD OF HEARING A FEW  
14 WEEKS AGO THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO READ THE CRAWL UNDERNEATH  
15 THE SCREEN, AND I WAS TOLD-- OR, ACTUALLY, I WAS TOLD THAT  
16 THERE WAS NO CRAWL UNDERNEATH THE SCREEN AND THEN YOU FOLKS  
17 REMINDED ME THAT THERE IS AND IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME  
18 TECHNOLOGY THAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE ROOM. BUT, WHEN YOU WATCH  
19 THE COMPUTER, THE LETTERING IS FAR TOO SMALL TO BE ABLE TO  
20 READ IT. IT'S TOO SMALL AND IT MOVES TOO FAST AND, EVEN WITH  
21 BARBARA'S MAGNIFYING GLASSES, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW  
22 WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT'S LIMITED BY THE SIZE OF  
23 THE PICTURE THAT IS PRODUCED ON A COMPUTER AND I HAVE A  
24 REGULAR-SIZED TABLETOP COMPUTER AT HOME BUT I THINK IT'S  
25 SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOOK INTO BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO





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1 HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH HEARING WHO RELY ON THE CRAWL AND THEY--  
2 IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE IT AND SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE. I'M  
3 SURPRISED I ACTUALLY HAVEN'T HAD MORE COMPLAINTS. I DO WANT TO  
4 SAY THAT, AS JIMMY KIMMEL SAID TO US WHEN WE WERE AT THE BOARD  
5 OF THE M.T.A., "YOU ALL ARE THE BEST-LOOKING BOARD MEMBERS ON  
6 TELEVISION," AND IT WAS ACTUALLY VERY WELL DONE. I NEVER HAVE  
7 WATCHED IT SO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE TECHNICAL PEOPLE WITH  
8 THAT ONE EXCEPTION ON THE LETTERING. IT'S A VERY GOOD  
9 PRESENTATION AND IT WORKS VERY WELL ON COMPUTER. THANK YOU,  
10 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD ONE OTHER ITEM, I GUESS THE ELECTRONIC  
15 VOTING THING. I'M SORRY. IS CONNY HERE TODAY? I REALLY WANTED  
16 TO-- BOY, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLY DISAPPOINTED IF WE'D  
17 SKIPPED THAT ITEM, WOULDN'T SHE? WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN US INTO  
18 HERE? WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO DO IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS  
19 DISCUSSION IS IF YOU COULD ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS  
20 THAT ARE COMING FROM OTHER COUNTIES WHO SAY THEY'VE HAD  
21 DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS, IF YOU CAN ADDRESS THE VANITY FAIR  
22 ARTICLE, WHICH EVEN MY WIFE HAS READ AND FOUND IT VERY  
23 INTERESTING, READ IT COVER TO COVER, OF COURSE WE HAVE, AND  
24 ADDRESS ALL OF THE ISSUES AND WHY, ESSENTIALLY, SHOW US, TELL  
25 US, CONVINCE US WHY THIS TECHNOLOGY SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED



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1 CAUTIOUSLY AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT JUMP INTO ANYTHING, ET  
2 CETERA.

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4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I REALLY DO  
5 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE ITEM  
6 BEFORE YOU IS A REQUEST REGARDING SOME STATE LEGISLATIVE  
7 PROPOSALS ON VOTER-VERIFIED RECEIPTS FOR DIRECT RECORD  
8 ELECTRONIC, OFTEN KNOWN AS TOUCH SCREEN VOTING EQUIPMENT. I'D  
9 LIKE TO START BY SAYING, AND I THINK YOUR MENTIONING OF VANITY  
10 FAIR CERTAINLY PUTS US THERE, IS THAT THIS REALLY IS A  
11 NATIONAL ISSUE. THIS IS NOT JUST A CALIFORNIA ISSUE AND,  
12 INDEED, THERE ARE TWO BILLS PENDING, AS YOU'RE BACK IN  
13 WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, THERE ARE TWO BILLS PENDING IN BOTH THE  
14 HOUSE AND IN THE SENATE THAT WOULD REQUIRE, BY NOVEMBER'S  
15 ELECTION, A MERE SIX MONTHS AWAY, INSTITUTING VOTER-VERIFIED  
16 PAPER TRAILS OR BALLOTS CONNECTED WITH ELECTRONIC VOTING  
17 EQUIPMENT. SO, CLEARLY, IT IS A NATIONAL ISSUE. ACTUALLY, IN  
18 TODAY'S-- YESTERDAY'S "TIME" MAGAZINE, THERE'S A VERY GOOD  
19 ARTICLE I WOULD RECOMMEND EVERYONE READ, THE VEXATIONS OF  
20 VOTING MACHINES. YOU MENTIONED VANITY FAIR. AND THEY TALK  
21 ABOUT A BACKLASH. AND I REALLY THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DEALING  
22 WITH RIGHT NOW. WE ARE DEALING WITH A BACKLASH OF CONCERN  
23 ABOUT VOTING EQUIPMENT AND, TO PUT IT IN A LITTLE BIT OF INTO  
24 CONTEXT, ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT'S BEEN USED IN THIS  
25 COUNTRY FOR OVER 15 YEARS. THE LATEST MODELS HAVE BEEN IN USE



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1 FOR FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS. AND, INDEED, THERE'S BEEN NOTHING BUT  
2 VERIFICATION THAT THEY COUNT A HUNDRED PERCENT ACCURATELY. THE  
3 SECRETARY STATE'S OWN REPORT ON-- THAT HE ISSUED LAST WEEK ON  
4 THE MARCH 2ND ELECTION, EVEN WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT  
5 OCCURRED IN THAT ELECTION WITH SOME OF THE COUNTY'S INITIAL  
6 IMPLEMENTATIONS, INDICATED, IN THIS REPORT, THAT, IN HIS OWN  
7 STUDY, WHERE HE PULLED SOME OF THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING  
8 SYSTEMS OUT OF USE ON ELECTION DAY TO DO A SPOT STUDY TO SEE  
9 WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A PROBLEM, COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF HIS  
10 OWN REPORT SHOWED A HUNDRED PERCENT ACCURACY OF THE EQUIPMENT  
11 IN THOSE TESTS. AND, FRANKLY, WE ALL KNOW THAT'S NOT THE CASE  
12 WITH PAPER-BASED VOTING SYSTEMS. SO THE EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE IS  
13 THERE. THE PROBLEM IS IT'S BECOME A VERY EMOTIONAL, POLITICAL,  
14 AND EVERY OTHER TYPE OF ISSUE WITH WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM  
15 SHOULD HAVE MORE SECURITY AND CERTAINLY ALL OF US WANT THAT.  
16 NOBODY WANTS TO THINK ABOUT THEIR VOTE AS BEING ANYTHING BUT  
17 SECURE. WE CAN ALL CERTAINLY AGREE TO THAT. THE CURRENT DEBATE  
18 REALLY ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THESE EQUIPMENT SHOULD HAVE  
19 A PAPER AUDIT RECORD OR AN AUDITING CAPACITY BECAUSE THEY  
20 ALREADY HAVE THAT INSIDE THEM. THEY HAVE TRIPLE REDUNDANCY,  
21 INCLUDING PAPER INSIDE THEM. THE CURRENT DEBATE INSTEAD IS  
22 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THESE EQUIPMENT SHOULD PRODUCE A  
23 PARTICULAR KIND OF PAPER AUDIT RECORD, ONE THAT WOULD BE  
24 CONTEMPORANEOUS AT THE TIME THAT THE VOTER IS VOTING, THAT  
25 THEY COULD LOOK AT THE BRIGHT REVIEW SCREEN THAT YOU LOOK AT



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1 WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR LAST PAGE ON THE ELECTRONIC VOTING, AND  
2 THEN COMPARE IT AGAINST A PIECE OF PAPER THAT WOULD BE BEHIND  
3 GLASS BECAUSE THE VOTER WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THE RECEIPT  
4 WITH THEM BECAUSE THEN THEY COULD GO OUT AND SAY, YOU KNOW,  
5 "HERE'S HOW I VOTED," AND SO EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IT WOULD HAVE  
6 TO STAY IN THE POLLING LOCATION, BUT IT WOULD BE BEHIND GLASS  
7 IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE VOTER COULD SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE  
8 BALLOTS THEY'VE-- THE CHOICES THEY'VE MADE ON THE ELECTRONIC  
9 EQUIPMENT ARE ACTUALLY APPEARING THE SAME ON THE PAPER. WELL,  
10 I THINK ALL OF US WOULD AGREE THAT'S SOUND PRETTY SIMPLE,  
11 DOESN'T IT? BUT THE PROBLEM IS, IT REALLY ISN'T VERY SIMPLE,  
12 IT'S REALLY VERY COMPLICATED. THE TWO EXPERIMENTS THAT HAVE  
13 BEEN DONE IN THIS COUNTRY, ONE IN SACRAMENTO IN NOVEMBER 2002,  
14 WHERE THEY HAD ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE VOTE IN AN EARLY VOTING  
15 ENVIRONMENT WITH A PAPER TRAIL, AND IN WILTON, CONNECTICUT,  
16 LAST YEAR, CREATED HUGE PROBLEMS. THERE WERE PAPER JAMS. THE  
17 VOTERS THOUGHT THEY COULD TAKE THE PAPER WITH THEM. THEY WERE  
18 USING COAT HANGERS TO TRY TO MAKE THE PRINTERS WORK AND THE  
19 POLLWORKERS IN CONNECTICUT SAID THE INTERFACE FOR THE VOTER TO  
20 LOOK AT WAS REALLY APPALLING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE PRINTED  
21 OUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S REQUIREMENT AND, INDEED, THIS  
22 LEGISLATION BEFORE YOU WOULD REQUIRE AN ACCESSIBLE  
23 MULTILINGUAL PAPER TRAIL AS WELL AS THE ELECTRONIC. AND WE  
24 LOOKED AT OUR 2002 BALLOT AND JUST TO PICK THE RACES THAT THE  
25 VOTER SELECTED ON THE SCREEN, NOT TO EXPLAIN THE INITIATIVES



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1 OR ANYTHING, JUST SAY PROPOSITION ONE, THIS IS WHAT THIS PAPER  
2 TRAIL WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE, IN ENGLISH ONLY. THIS IS 37  
3 INCHES OF PAPER COMING UNDER SOME SORT OF A GLASS THAT THE  
4 VOTER WOULD-- AND IT'S SMALL PRINT. THIS ISN'T LIKE TRYING TO  
5 USES BIG PRINT TO MAKE IT LONG, AND THERE'S JUST A REAL  
6 CONCERN THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY PROVEN TECHNOLOGY YET THAT  
7 THIS WILL WORK. I DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY'S AGAINST TRYING IT. AS  
8 A MATTER OF FACT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, AT THE TESTIMONY LAST  
9 WEEK IN SACRAMENTO AS THE SECRETARY STATE HEARING OFFERED TO  
10 BE A PILOT COUNTY. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. I THINK WE  
11 NEED INTO THIS IN A WAY THAT THERE'S PILOTED COUNTIES, SOMEONE  
12 TRYING THE PROCESS, SEEING IF IT'S GOING TO WORK, BEFORE  
13 LEGISLATION THAT, RIGHT NOW, IS NATIONAL THAT WOULD REQUIRE  
14 FOR A PRESIDENTIAL, THE MOST HIGH PROFILE-- IT'S NOT THE TIME  
15 TO REALLY BE EXPERIMENTING WITH THIS TYPE OF SITUATION. SO I  
16 THINK THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS LET THE FEDERAL ELECTION  
17 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION WORK. THEY'VE BEEN CHARGED BY THE HAVA  
18 LAW, BY THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT, AS BEING THE COMMISSION IN  
19 CHARGE OF SETTING THESE STANDARDS. THEY'RE HAVING THEIR FIRST  
20 HEARING NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I'VE BEEN INVITED. ONLY  
21 FOUR ELECTION OFFICIALS IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY WERE INVITED TO  
22 TESTIFY AND I WAS I WAS PRIVILEGED TO BE INVITED. AND IT'S A  
23 DAY WHEN YOU'LL BE BACK THERE AND I'M HOPING YOU COULD STOP  
24 BY. IT'S ALL DAY HEARING WHERE THEY'RE HAVING THEIR FIRST  
25 HEARING ON THIS VERY ISSUE. THEY WILL BE SETTING STANDARDS AND



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1    THEY WANT TO DO THAT AND, INDEED, THE HAVA LAW REQUIRES THAT  
2    BUT THAT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR TO GET THESE  
3    STANDARDS SET AND TO GET THE VERIFICATIONS THROUGH THE FEDERAL  
4    CERTIFICATION PROCESS. I THINK WE NEED TO LET THAT PROCESS  
5    WORK AND, IN THE MEANTIME, RELY ON THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY  
6    OF STATE, THROUGH HIS OWN TESTING AND WILL CONTINUE TO TEST IN  
7    THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, AND IF THERE ARE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT  
8    BEING ABLE TO BE USED IN THIS ELECTION, PULLING SOME OF THE  
9    UNITS FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES ASIDE AND LOOKING AT  
10    THEM TO SEE IF IT'S ACCURATE. SO FAR, HIS TESTING HAS PROVEN  
11    THAT IT HAS BEEN, AS HAVE THE FEDERAL TESTING THAT-- FOR 15  
12    YEARS THIS EQUIPMENT'S BEEN THROUGH. SO I'D LIKE RATHER JUST  
13    ANSWER SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BUT THAT'S WHERE WE ARE RIGHT  
14    NOW WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION ON THE TABLE.

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE. GO AHEAD, ZEV.

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18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST FOLLOW UP WITH SOME QUESTIONS?  
19    WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DECIDES TO  
20    SCRAP THESE ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES? SUPPOSE, AS THE "NEW  
21    YORK TIMES" EDITORIAL ON SATURDAY SUGGESTED, THAT HE JUST  
22    SCRAP THEM ALL AND, WHAT DID THEY SAY, THE HARDER QUESTION MR.  
23    SHELLEY FACES IS WHETHER TO BAN ALL ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES  
24    THAT DO NOT PRODUCE A PAPER TRAIL, AS MANY VOTING EXPERTS AND  
25    SOME STATE LEGISLATORS ARE URGING HIM TO DO. DOES THIS HAVE





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1 ANY IMPACT ON THE FEDERAL CASE, JUDGE WILSON'S CASE, THAT GOT  
2 US INTO THIS SITUATION IN THE FIRST PLACE?

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4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** FIRST OF ALL, IT DOES HAVE-- LET'S FIRST JUST  
5 START WITH WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW. THIS WEEK, HE WILL MAKE  
6 SOME DECISION. FRIDAY IS THE DEADLINE BECAUSE SIX MONTHS  
7 BEFORE AN ELECTION IS THIS FRIDAY, BEFORE NOVEMBER, AND SO A  
8 DECISION HAS TO BE MADE BY THEN BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CHANGE AFTER  
9 THAT. CURRENTLY, EVEN IF THE RECOMMENDATION OF HIS OWN PANEL  
10 WERE TO BE THE MINIMAL DECERTIFICATION OR NONUSE OF ONE TYPE  
11 OF COMPANY'S ONE MODEL OF EQUIPMENT-- BY THE WAY, WE DO NOT  
12 HAVE THAT MODEL OF THE EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE THE EARLIER MODEL OF  
13 EQUIPMENT. BUT IF IT WERE TO BE JUST THAT, I THINK THE PUBLIC,  
14 THOUGH, DOESN'T KNOW ONE MODEL OF EQUIPMENT FROM ANOTHER AND  
15 THEY'RE GOING TO HEAR THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM. WHY WOULD THEY  
16 BE TAKING IT OUT OF USE IF, INDEED, THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM?  
17 AND I THINK IT REALLY DOES CREATE A LARGER ISSUE WITH VOTER  
18 CONFIDENCE. WE HAVE BEEN USING IT, AS YOU KNOW, FOR THREE AND  
19 A HALF YEARS IN THE EARLY VOTING ENVIRONMENT AND VOTERS HAVE  
20 LOVED IT. THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO VOTE IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGES.  
21 THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO VOTE UNASSISTED IF THEY'RE BLIND OR  
22 VISUALLY IMPAIRED. WE HAVE HAD NO PROBLEMS, AT ALL, WITH OUR  
23 PROCESS AND, INDEED, AS I SAID, THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OWN  
24 REVIEW SHOWED ACCURACY. SO I THINK IT'S GOING TO CREATE SOME  
25 ISSUES WITH THE PUBLIC. IN TERMS OF THE LAWSUIT, WE'RE



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1 ACTUALLY IN ANOTHER LAWSUIT, A FEDERAL LAWSUIT RIGHT NOW  
2 THAT'S GOING TO TRIAL FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON MAY 24TH, WHERE  
3 THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLES WITH DISABILITY IS SUING  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS A CO-  
5 DEFENDANT TO REQUIRE US TO PUT ONE ELECTRONIC VOTING PIECE OF  
6 EQUIPMENT IN EVERY ONE OF OUR POLLING PLACES FOR NOVEMBER. SO  
7 WE'RE LIVING A PRETTY SCHIZOPHRENIC LIFE RIGHT NOW, WHERE, ON  
8 ONE SIDE, WE MIGHT HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TAKEN AWAY FROM US FOR  
9 USE IN NOVEMBER AND ANOTHER SIDE BEING ASKED, POTENTIALLY, IF  
10 WE LOSE THE LAWSUIT, TO EXPAND IT. AND IT'S A FEDERAL CASE. SO  
11 IT'S TURMOIL RIGHT NOW. WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT. IT  
12 DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH JUDGE WILSON'S, PER SE.  
13 HOWEVER, I DO THINK, WHEN PUNCH CARDS WERE DECERTIFIED A  
14 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, IT SORT OF SET THE STAGE FOR REMOVING,  
15 FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, A WORKABLE VOTING SYSTEM. THAT HAD  
16 NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN ANY OTHER STATE AND THIS ACTION THAT  
17 HIS PANEL, THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PANEL HAS RECOMMENDED  
18 WOULD CONTINUE SOMETHING THAT'S UNPRECEDENTED. AND OTHER  
19 STATES ARE USING THIS EQUIPMENT IN NOVEMBER. THE ELECTION  
20 DIRECTOR OF MARYLAND WROTE ME AN E-MAIL AND SAID THIS HAS DONE  
21 IRREPARABLE HARM BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THEIR SYSTEM  
22 TOTALLY ROLLED OUT AND WHAT ARE THEIR VOTERS GOING TO THINK  
23 ABOUT THIS IF, INDEED, IN CALIFORNIA, THERE'S SOME SORT OF A  
24 MORATORIUM ON IT? IT LEAVES US IN A QUANDARY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE ISSUE THAT-- INVOLVING WITH  
2   DIEBOLD'S SOFTWARE THAT WAS NOT STATE OR FEDERALLY CERTIFIED?  
3   DO YOU WANT TO JUST ADDRESS THAT FOR A SECOND?

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5   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT BECAUSE  
6   WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IS THAT ALL THE  
7   SOFTWARE GOES THROUGH FEDERAL LABS AS WELL AS STATE TESTING.  
8   IT'S TWO LEVELS OF TESTING. AND THE PROCESS, WHEN THEY CHANGED  
9   FROM THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO THE ELECTION  
10  ASSISTANCE COMMISSION, THERE WAS SORT OF THIS CHANGE IN THE  
11  GOVERNMENT EVER SINCE THE ASSISTANCE COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED  
12  IN DECEMBER, THAT LEFT A LIMBO OF TIME FOR THE CERTIFICATION.  
13  AND SO THEY TOOK LONGER TO GET THROUGH THE CERTIFICATION  
14  PROCESS THAN ANYBODY'D EVER DONE BEFORE. HOWEVER, BY THE FALL,  
15  BY LAST FALL, AFTER THOSE REPORTS CAME OUT THAT THERE MIGHT BE  
16  SOME SECURITY ISSUES WITH THE DIEBOLD EQUIPMENT, THEY DID  
17  UPDATE THEIR SOFTWARE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND BECAUSE IT HAS  
18  BEEN THROUGH THE FEDERAL TESTING DIDN'T HAVE THE REPORT  
19  WRITTEN YET BUT IT'D BEEN THROUGH THE FEDERAL TESTING. THE  
20  STATE OF MARYLAND HAD THEIR ELECTION THE SAME DAY AS US, MARCH  
21  2ND, AND DECIDED TO WAIVE THE FACT THAT IT DIDN'T HAVE A  
22  REPORT BECAUSE IT HAD ALREADY BEEN THROUGH TESTING. BUT THE  
23  SECRETARY OF STATE CHOSE NOT TO, SO SOME OF THOSE NEW-- THE  
24  UPDATED SECURITY SOFTWARE WASN'T IN THERE. NOW, APPARENTLY,  
25  THEY'VE FINISHED THE PROCESS. I JUST HEARD THAT LAST WEEK AND



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1   THERE WILL BE A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE  
2   FEDERAL LABORATORY HAS FINISHED THE PROCESS. BUT THERE IS A  
3   PROCESS THAT NORMALLY TAKES FIVE TO SIX MONTHS AND IT'S BEEN  
4   OVER NINE MONTHS SO THEY WERE SORT OF CAUGHT IN THIS MIDDLE  
5   GROUND. AND THEN, BECAUSE THEY NEEDED TO, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE  
6   THE ELECTION ON MARCH 2ND, SAN DIEGO, CELANO, KEARN AND SAN  
7   JOAQUIN WENT AHEAD AND USED THAT EQUIPMENT WITH A CONDITIONAL  
8   CERTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE BECAUSE HE HAD DONE  
9   HIS OWN TESTS AND DETERMINED IT WAS ACCURATE. IT WAS JUST NOT  
10   THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF GETTING THE REPORT WRITTEN AND  
11   WHAT'S CALLED A NASET NUMBER. THERE'S A NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE  
12   SOFTWARE

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IS THE ISSUE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF  
15   STATE COMING UP THIS WEEK?

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17   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT IS.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE ISSUE WHETHER TO APPROVE A ELECTRONIC  
20   SYSTEM WITH OR WITHOUT A PAPER TRAIL?

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22   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO, THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE. IT'S JUST...

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24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE ISSUE, IN TERMS OF DIEBOLD, IS FINISHING  
2   UP THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS WITH THIS FINAL WRITTEN REPORT.  
3   THE-- AND THEN HE'S DETERMINED THAT-- AT LEAST THE  
4   RECOMMENDATION OF HIS PANEL WAS, MAYBE EVEN IF THEY GET THAT  
5   NUMBER, TO NOT ALLOW THAT EQUIPMENT IN THOSE FOUR COUNTIES TO  
6   BE USED. AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MODEL. AND  
7   THREE OF THOSE FOUR COUNTIES WERE THERE TO TESTIFY THAT THEY  
8   HAD NO PROBLEM IN THEIR ELECTION. SAN DIEGO'S PROBLEM A  
9   BATTERY ISSUE.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WHAT ARE THE OTHER ISSUES?  
12   WHAT OTHER ISSUES-- WHAT ARE THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US?

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14   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US IS IF THE SECRETARY  
15   DETERMINES TO GO FARTHER THAN JUST PUTTING THOSE FOUR COUNTIES  
16   WHICH HAVE THAT EQUIPMENT MODEL, INABILITY TO USE IT FOR  
17   NOVEMBER, WHICH IS THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION. OUR MODEL IS AN  
18   EARLIER MODEL, AS IS ALAMEDA COUNTY'S. WE WOULD, UNDER THE  
19   CURRENT SITUATION, STILL BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR EARLY VOTING, BUT  
20   IT'S NOT OVER YET BECAUSE THERE MAY BE A RECOMMENDATION TO  
21   EXPAND AND HAVE A-- AS THE "NEW YORK TIMES" MENTIONED, A  
22   COMPLETE MORATORIUM ON USING ELECTRONIC VOTING AT ALL IN THE  
23   STATE FOR NOVEMBER. SO WE HAVE TO AWAIT THAT DECISION AND THEN  
24   WHATEVER LITIGATION I THINK IS ANTICIPATED TO COME FOLLOWING  
25   THAT DECISION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY ON THE  
3 LEGISLATION-- COULD YOU JUST, IN A NUTSHELL, EXPLAIN HOW THAT  
4 AFFECTS US.

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** HOW IT AFFECTS US IS THERE ARE SEVERAL BILLS  
7 IN THE LEGISLATURE, RIGHT NOW IN THE SENATE. THERE ARE TWO,  
8 SB-530 AND SB-1723, THAT WOULD PROHIBIT USING THE EQUIPMENT  
9 THIS FALL. AND WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONDUCT OUR EARLY VOTING  
10 AT THE 16 SITES LIKE WE PLANNED TO DO.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU SAY "THIS EQUIPMENT", YOU MEAN THE  
13 ONES WE'RE USING NOW?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ANY ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY.

18

19 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ANY ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE, IN  
20 EFFECT, BANNED. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE URGENCY LEGISLATION,  
21 OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE EFFECTIVE BY NOVEMBER.  
22 THE OTHER BILL, ACTUALLY SB-1438, ACTUALLY GOT OUT OF THE  
23 SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK. THAT'S THE ONE THAT  
24 WOULD REQUIRE THIS VOTER-VERIFIED RECEIPT AND, IN EFFECT, PUT  
25 INTO LEGISLATION WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS ALREADY MANDATED





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1 THROUGH A DECREE. AND, ACTUALLY, I WELCOME THE IDEA OF PUTTING  
2 THIS INTO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHERE THERE COULD BE  
3 HEARINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. FOUR OTHER STATES IN THE LAST MONTH  
4 HAVE PUT A SIMILAR BILL INTO THEIR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:  
5 MARYLAND, GEORGIA, FLORIDA, AND WASHINGTON STATE, AND ALL FOUR  
6 OF THEM, WHEN THEY GOT TO THE FINAL VOTE, THEY GOT OUT OF  
7 COMMITTEES AND ALL, LOOKED OVER THE EDGE AND WENT, "GEE, THERE  
8 ISN'T ANYTHING PROVEN ABOUT THESE VOTER-VERIFIED RECEIPTS,  
9 LET'S JUST BACK OFF THE LEGISLATION." SO ALL FOUR STATES  
10 DECIDED NOT TO DO THIS. SO I REALLY WELCOME THIS BEING IN THE  
11 LEGISLATIVE ARENA SO IT CAN BE DISCUSSED RATHER THAN JUST THE  
12 SECRETARY DECIDING...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS A VOTER-VERIFIED RECEIPT? I'M SORRY  
15 TO BE SO IGNORANT BUT...

16

17 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** A VOTER-VERIFIED RECEIPT IS...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS-- DOES THAT-- LET ME JUST TELL YOU WHAT--  
20 SPECIFY MY QUESTION. IS IT A-- DOES IT HAVE A RECORD OF WHO  
21 YOU VOTED FOR AND...? OKAY.

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES. IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS, UNDER GLASS AND  
24 IT WOULD HAVE TO SLOWLY-- I'VE SEEN TWO PROTOTYPES OF TWO



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1 COMPANIES. AS THE VOTER IS, YOU KNOW, VOTING, THEY'D HAVE TO  
2 LOOK BACK AND FORTH...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT LOOKS LIKE THE RECEIPT YOU GET AT A GAS  
5 PUMP.

6

7 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, BUT IT'S PRETTY LONG.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S LONGER. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN. THAT'S  
10 SMALL, TOO.

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, IT DOES AND THIS IS ONLY IN ENGLISH AND  
13 THE SECRETARY'S REQUIREMENT SAYS IT HAS TO BE MULTILINGUAL  
14 WHICH, FOR US, IS SEVEN LANGUAGES, SO PICTURE THIS TIMES  
15 SEVEN. SO ANYWAY-- OR WHETHER OR NOT THE EQUIPMENT COULD JUST  
16 AUTOMATICALLY PRINT IT THAT WAY. AGAIN, IT'S ALL PROTOTYPE  
17 RIGHT NOW. THERE ISN'T ANY EQUIPMENT THAT CAN DO THIS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS?

20

21 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT GOES INTO A BALLOT BOX OR IT STAYS IN THE  
22 EQUIPMENT AND THEN IT GOES BACK TO THE ELECTION OFFICE IN CASE  
23 ANYBODY EVER CHALLENGES THE ELECTION.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE CASE THE COMPUTER GOES ON THE BLANK  
2    OR SOMETHING.

3

4    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AND WITH US TO-- UP TO 3 MILLION VOTERS, CAN  
5    YOU IMAGINE LITTLE SCRAPS OF PAPER, TRYING TO RECOUNT THAT?

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE PROBLEM WITH ALL-- AND  
8    I'M GOING TO STOP BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THE TIME ON THIS, THE  
9    PROBLEM WITH ALL OF THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALL OF THE  
10   OTHER SYSTEMS, AND THIS IS WHY THIS WHOLE-- THIS WHOLE  
11   LAWSUIT-- I'M AGNOSTIC ABOUT ALL OF THIS. I'M NOT SURE. YOU'VE  
12   BEEN AROUND AS LONG AS WE HAVE AND SOMETIMES YOU AREN'T-- JUST  
13   NOT SURE OF YOURSELF ABOUT THIS. HERE'S THE PROBLEM. WE HAD A  
14   PROBLEM WITH CHADS. I TOLD YOU WHEN I FIRST VOTED ON THE INKA  
15   VOTE THING, THAT, WHEN I PULLED THE BALLOT OUT OF THE SLEEVE  
16   OR THE CHUTE, WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, THE SHOE, THAT THE INK  
17   SMEARED. OKAY? AND IT HAPPENED TO ME ONCE BUT IT WAS AN  
18   INTERESTING THING. SO WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE WERE  
19   TICKED OFF THAT MORNING WHEN THEY WENT TO VOTE LIKE I WAS AND  
20   JUST RIPPED THE THING OUT AND SMEARED THE INK ON THE FRONT OF  
21   THE BALLOT? IS IT ONE PERCENT? IS IT TWO PERCENT? IF IT'S A  
22   DEAD HEAT ELECTION-- OF COURSE, NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY  
23   DIFFERENCE WHATSOEVER IF IT'S A LANDSLIDE ELECTION. THE ONLY  
24   TIME THERE'S EVER ANY FOCUS ON THE TECHNOLOGY IS WHEN YOU HAVE  
25   ONE OF THESE ELECTIONS FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR FOR



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1 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHERE 10, 20, 30 VOTES MAKE--  
2 YOU KNOW, SEPARATES THE NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO.

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN EVERYTHING GETS MAGNIFIED. IT'S LIKE  
7 ANYTHING ELSE. AND I'M-- BUT THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE  
8 TWO TECHNOLOGIES AND THIS ONE, AND I DO HAVE THIS WAY OF  
9 WORST-CASE SCENARIO MENTALITY, WHAT IS THE WORST-CASE  
10 SCENARIO? THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO IS TO HAVE HAPPEN WHAT  
11 HAPPENED HERE IN OUR OWN OFFICES JUST LITTLE TWO OLD WEEKS AGO  
12 WHERE APPARENTLY SOMEBODY JUST PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON AND,  
13 POOF, EVERYTHING DISAPPEARED INTO CYBERSPACE. NOW,  
14 FORTUNATELY, THEY WERE ABLE TO RECOUP MOST OF IT, NOT ALL OF  
15 IT, AND IT'S NOT THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF AN  
16 ELECTION IF IT HAPPENS IN MY LITTLE COMPUTER BUT IF IT'S AN  
17 ELECTION RESULT AND IT GOES POOF, EVEN IF YOU COULD RETRIEVE  
18 IT, WHICH I'M NOT SURE YOU COULD, ONE COULD, THE CONFIDENCE  
19 EROSION THAT WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT KIND OF AN EVENT  
20 WOULD BE-- WOULD MAKE THE CHADS IN FLORIDA LOOK LIKE A PICNIC.  
21 AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY OTHER WAY TO DEAL WITH IT, AS  
22 OPPOSED TO, HERE, YOU CAN LOOK AT IT AT A BALLOT, YOU CAN LOOK  
23 AT THE CHAD, YOU KNOW, YOU COULD INTERPRET, YOU CAN INFER, YOU  
24 CAN IMPUTE SOME MOTIVE TO THE VOTER, AND IT'S ALL SUBJECT TO--  
25 BUT AT LEAST YOU'VE GET A PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT PEOPLE,



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1 REASONABLE PEOPLE CAN LOOK AT. ELECTRONICALLY, YOU DON'T. THAT  
2 IS-- GO AHEAD.

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CAN I, CAN I RESPOND TO THAT? I WOULD LIKE TO  
5 JUST SAY THAT I THINK THAT IS WHAT EVERYBODY'S CONCERN IS, IS  
6 THIS TANGIBILITY OF A PIECE OF PAPER. IT'S VERY TANGIBLE, IT  
7 FEELS GOOD, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT  
8 THE FACT THAT VOTES COULD GO POOF BECAUSE, CLEARLY, NO FEDERAL  
9 LABORATORY, AND THIS IS THE SAME FEDERAL LABORATORY THAT DOES  
10 ALL OF THE WORK FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, WOULD NOT PASS ANY  
11 EQUIPMENT THAT ANYTHING COULD GO POOF BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
12 TRIPLE...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** IT HAS! IT HAS GONE POOF!

15

16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, ACTUALLY, IT HASN'T. THERE'S NO  
17 ABSOLUTELY NO CASES OF ANY THAT HAVE EVER...

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** IN TERMS OF-- YOU SAY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT?

20

21 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE VOTING. IT  
22 HAS TO HAVE...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, NO, NO, SHE'S TALKING ABOUT VOTING.

25



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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ON THE VOTING, THERE'S TRIPLE REDUNDANCY ON  
2   EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. NONE OF THEM ARE CONNECTED TOGETHER.  
3   THEY'RE STANDALONE DEVICES SO YOU'VE ONLY GOT-- THERE'S NO  
4   INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND EACH SINGLE VOTING UNIT IS A  
5   STANDALONE. SO IF ONE GOES OUT, WHICH THEY DO, IT HAS A  
6   BATTERY BACKUP TO START. EVEN IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A  
7   BATTERY AND IT DRAINS DOWN, THEY HAD BATTERY ISSUES IN SAN  
8   DIEGO WITH THE ENCODER, IT WASN'T A PROBLEM WITH THE VOTES.  
9   IT'S ON A HARD DRIVE, IT'S ON A FLOPPY, AND IT'S ON PAPER.  
10  THERE IS PAPER INSIDE EVERY ONE OF OUR UNITS. THEY'RE JUST NOT  
11  THERE FOR THE VOTER TO LOOK AT EACH ONE. SO THERE HAS ACTUALLY  
12  BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY DISAPPEARANCE OF VOTES, PRIMARILY  
13  BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT NETWORKED TOGETHER, THEY'RE STANDALONE  
14  DEVICES. AND I THINK THAT'S A LOT OF WHAT CONFUSES PEOPLE IS  
15  THEY-- WE ALL KNOW OUR COMPUTER FILES DISAPPEAR AND IT MAKES  
16  US VERY NERVOUS BUT, IN 15 YEARS OF ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THIS  
17  COUNTRY, THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY THAT HAVE DISAPPEARED.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, WHAT WE DO NOW  
20  IN THE PRE-ELECTION VOTING, ABSENTEE, THE DISABLED, PEOPLE  
21  THAT ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF TOWN, THE ABSENTEE VOTING AND I  
22  USED...

23

24   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE EARLY VOTING, YEAH, THE EARLY VOTING ON  
25  ELECTRONIC.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IT. EARLY VOTING. HOW MANY PEOPLE VOTED  
3 EARLY VOTING LAST TIME, IN THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL? THE BIGGEST  
4 NUMBER...

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE BIGGEST ONE WE'VE HAD IS THE RECALL. WE  
7 HAD 42,000.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 42,000.

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OUT OF A COUPLE OF MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MANY PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY VOTED?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YEAH, OUT OF A COUPLE MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COUPLE OF MILLION. I JUST HAVE A FEELING  
18 THAT, WHEN YOU GO FROM 42,000 TO TWO MILLION, THAT THERE'S A  
19 SCALE ISSUE HERE THAT-- IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN DO IT  
20 WITH 42,000 THAT YOU CAN DO IT WITH TWO MILLION JUST AS  
21 EASILY. NOW, YOU MAY, AND I THINK WE ALL HAVE A TREMENDOUS  
22 AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE IN YOU, THE QUESTION IS ABOUT THE VENDOR  
23 AND THE MACHINE. AND I MEAN THE VENDOR AND THE MACHINE. IN SAN  
24 JOSE AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY, THERE'S AN ISSUE, I'M SURE YOU'RE



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1 FAMILIAR WITH WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE. IT'S AN ISSUE OF THE  
2 VERACITY OF THE VENDOR. THIS IS OUR VENDOR, TOO, ISN'T IT?

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THERE'S LOTS OF THOSE ISSUES AND I  
5 DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE SPECIFIC VENDORS  
6 RIGHT NOW BUT THERE ARE ISSUES. BUT, AGAIN, I THINK IT'S GOING  
7 TO END UP IN MORE OF A LEGAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE MAYBE BOTH  
8 SIDES CAN BE TOLD AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHERE IT'S BEEN  
9 RIGHT NOW.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THIS VENDOR?

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I CERTAINLY DO. WE'VE HAD...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN THOUGH THEY MISLED THE PEOPLE IN SANTA  
16 CLARA, THE GOVERNMENT OF SANTA CLARA?

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** SANTA CLARA? WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME VENDOR AS  
19 SANTA CLARA. THAT'S SEQUOIA. WE HAVE...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY.

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ...WE HAVE DIEBOLD.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I...



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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** BUT DIEBOLD IS THE ONE UNDER ATTACK RIGHT  
3 NOW.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WASN'T SANTA CLARA COUNTY BUT IT WAS IN  
6 THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS THAT REPORTED IT.

7

8 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS. OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND TALKING ABOUT THEIR...

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** DIEBOLD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...THEIR CLAIM-- DIEBOLD, THAT'S WHAT I'M  
15 TALKING ABOUT.

16

17 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CAN THAT'S OUR VENDOR AS WELL.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, AND THEY CLAIM THAT THEY HAD  
20 CERTIFICATION, WHICH THEY DIDN'T HAVE AND THAT-- BAIT-AND-  
21 SWITCH ALLEGATIONS AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING.

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THAT'S PART OF THIS I WAS TRYING TO  
24 DESCRIBE, THE NINE-MONTH CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND THAT  
25 MARYLAND HAD GONE AHEAD AND WAIVED ONE VERSION OF THE SOFTWARE



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1 AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN SOFTWARE IN LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. WE'VE HAD IT FOR 30 YEARS. IT'S ISD DEVELOPED SOFTWARE  
3 AND THAT WE DO PATCH OUR SOFTWARE AND WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN  
4 PERFECT ABOUT SENDING UP TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAYING, "WE  
5 MADE THIS LITTLE CHANGE, WE ARE GOING TO DO BETTER." BUT I'M  
6 JUST SAYING THAT WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN PERFECT ABOUT IT  
7 EITHER. BUT AT E-MINUS 7, SEVEN DAYS BEFORE ELECTION, IT'S  
8 REQUIRED, BY LAW, THAT EVERY COUNTY SEND THEIR SOFTWARE, NO  
9 MATTER WHETHER YOU'RE ON A VENDOR OR YOUR OWN, AND IT'S UP  
10 UNDER ESCROW AND SO WE'VE ALWAYS DONE THAT. SO WE'VE ALWAYS  
11 FELT THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALWAYS HAD OUR VERSION OF  
12 SOFTWARE. IF THERE WAS A RECOUNT OR AN ISSUE, THEY CAN GO IN  
13 AND SAY, "WELL, DID YOU MAKE ANY CHANGES?" AND WE'D SAY,  
14 "WELL, I THINK WE MADE THESE CHANGES," OR-- LIKE THE CROSSOVER  
15 VOTING FOR THE PRIMARY. WE HAD TO MAKE SOME CHANGES AND, YOU  
16 KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO BE BETTER ABOUT MAKING SURE WE SEND THAT  
17 LETTER UP SAYING WE MADE THOSE CHANGES BUT, AS IT'S COME OUT  
18 IN THE INVESTIGATION, ALL OF THE VENDORS HAVE DONE THIS, EVERY  
19 SINGLE ONE OF THEM HAVE MADE THESE CHANGES. IT'S NOT NEFARIOUS  
20 TO MAKE CHANGES TO A SOFTWARE IF YOU'RE TRYING TO FIX A  
21 PROBLEM OR COMPLY WITH A NEW LEGISLATION. WE SHOULD HAVE AND  
22 THEY SHOULD HAVE SENT A LETTER UP.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD SOME COMMENTS,  
2    THEN SUPERVISOR BURKE.

3

4    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, HOW MUCH GENERAL FUND MONEY DID THE  
7    COUNTY SPEND ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE TOUCH SCREEN VOTING  
8    MACHINES?

9

10   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE TOUCH SCREEN VOTING EQUIPMENT THAT WE  
11   HAVE, WE HAVE VERY FEW, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S, LIKE, 171 UNITS FOR  
12   EARLY VOTING, OF WHICH PROPOSITION 41, WE HAVE AN APPLICATION  
13   IN THAT'LL PAY ABOUT HALF OF IT. SO FOR THAT PART OF THAT  
14   EQUIPMENT, IT WAS ABOUT A MILLION AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO  
15   GET ABOUT HALF OF THAT BACK FROM THE STATE. SO WE'RE TALKING  
16   MAYBE A HALF A MILLION FOR THE INVENTORY THAT WE HAVE RIGHT  
17   NOW, YES.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF THE LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, WE LOSE A  
20   HALF A MILLION DOLLARS?

21

22   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, IT MIGHT ACTUALLY END UP BEING MORE OF  
23   A MORATORIUM BECAUSE THE BIG QUANDARY HERE ALSO IS THAT THE  
24   FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THERE'S THESE LAWS, H.A.V.A. REQUIREMENTS  
25   THAT, BY 2006, THAT EQUIPMENT THAT CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE



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1 BLIND AND THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED BE IN EVERY POLLING LOCATION.  
2 AND SO THERE'S THIS SORT OF CLASH BETWEEN WHAT MIGHT BE  
3 LEGISLATED HERE AND THE NATIONAL SITUATION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN THE LEGI-- THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE NOW HAVE  
6 BE RETROFITTED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE  
7 BLIND?

8

9 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE REALLY DON'T KNOW. WE THINK SO BUT, AGAIN,  
10 WE'RE AT 171 UNITS. WE'RE NOT AT SOME HUGE THOUSANDS OF UNITS  
11 SUCH AS SAN DIEGO IS WITH 10,000 UNITS AND ORANGE COUNTY WITH  
12 9,000 UNITS. WE HAVE 171 UNITS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE HAVE AT LEAST, OUR COUNTY MAY EAT A  
15 HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

16

17 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S POSSIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE HAVE A GUARANTEE THAT THE STATE WILL  
20 REIMBURSE US FOR THE HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WE SPENT FOR THE  
21 OTHER-- FOR THEIR PORTION?

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A GUARANTEES OF  
24 ANYTHING. SUPERVISOR, I DON'T THINK RIGHT NOW THERE'S ANY  
25 GUARANTEES. THERE'S A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE... WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY  
3 OF STATE'S PARALLEL MONITORING OF THE D.R.E. SYSTEMS IN THE  
4 MARCH 2ND ELECTION?

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE RESULT AND HIS REPORT IS ON THE WEBSITE  
7 WAS THAT, AND THIS WAS HIS OWN CHOICE OF RANDOMLY SELECTED  
8 EQUIPMENT IN THE ELECTRONIC COUNTIES, WAS A HUNDRED PERCENT  
9 ACCURATE. THAT WAS HIS OWN REPORT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THESE BILLS PASS AND VOTER-VERIFIED PAPER  
12 AUDIT TRAILS IS REQUIRED, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE VENDORS TO  
13 PASS THE STATE AND FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY OUR  
14 ELECTION CODE?

15

16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE THAT THE  
17 NEW FEDERAL ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION WILL BE BRINGING UP  
18 NEXT WEEK BUT THEY HAVE ESTIMATED ANYWHERE FROM NINE MONTHS TO  
19 A YEAR AND A HALF TO EVEN PUT STANDARDS IN PLACES BECAUSE,  
20 RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE NO STANDARDS AS TO WHAT A VENDOR WOULD  
21 HAVE TO MAKE THE EQUIPMENT MEET. THERE'S SOME PROTOTYPES OUT  
22 THERE BUT, UNTIL SOME FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS ARE  
23 ESTABLISHED ON WHAT THIS EQUIPMENT HAS TO BE ABLE TO DO, SO  
24 THAT THEN YOU COULD COUNT IT LATER AS IN A RECOUNT, IT'S HARD  
25 FOR THE VENDORS TO EVEN BUILD EQUIPMENT TO MEET THE STANDARDS.



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1 SO IT'S-- I THINK WE'RE PROBABLY A YEAR AND A HALF AWAY,  
2 REALISTICALLY, FROM STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT BEING  
3 READY AND ACTUALLY ROLLED OUT INTO AN ELECTION ENVIRONMENT. I  
4 COULD BE WRONG BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE HARDER TO BE LESS  
5 THAN A YEAR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS YOU'RE AWARE, LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM THE  
8 MAYOR OF SIERRA MADRE, BART DOYLE, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
9 POSSIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THEIR ELECTIONS IN PRESIDENTIAL  
10 AND GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEARS AND USING THE INCREASED  
11 BALLOT CAPACITY OF TOUCH SCREEN BALLOT CAPACITY TO ACCOMPLISH  
12 THAT. HOW WOULD THE PASSAGE OF THESE-- OR LET'S SAY THE DELAY  
13 OF THAT GOAL BE IF THESE TWO BILLS ARE PASSED?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OUR C.A.O. AND MYSELF SENT ALL OF YOUR BOARD  
16 MEMBERS A MEMO IN FEBRUARY DESCRIBING THE RATHER DRASTIC  
17 IMPACT TO OUR PROCUREMENT PLANS TO PUT IN A FULLY COMPLIANT  
18 FEDERAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEM BY 2006. WE'RE REALLY DERAILED BY  
19 THE SECRETARY'S DECISION REQUIREMENT TO PUT-- TO A REQUIRE A  
20 VOTER-VERIFIED PAPER TRAIL RATHER THAN HAVE IT TALKED ABOUT IN  
21 THE LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT. SO WE REALLY ARE IN A SITUATION  
22 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME MEETING THE 2006  
23 DEADLINES THAT ARE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AT THIS POINT IN TIME  
24 BECAUSE OF THIS UNCERTAINTY. AND I THINK IT WILL PLAY OUT, I  
25 THINK, IN THE NATIONAL ARENA. I THINK THIS-- THERE ARE BILLS



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1 OUT THERE IN THE NATIONAL ARENA AND, AGAIN, THIS IS A NATIONAL  
2 ISSUE AND I'VE ASKED YOU TO TAKE A POSITION AGAINST THESE  
3 BILLS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO OUR PROCESS,  
4 ESPECIALLY THE ONES REGARDING THIS NOVEMBER ELECTION. BUT I DO  
5 BELIEVE, IN THE BIGGER PICTURE, IT IS GOING TO BE A NATIONAL  
6 ISSUE IN THE NEXT YEAR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE COST TO  
9 TAXPAYERS IN OUR 58 COUNTIES IF WE'RE COMMITTED TO CERTIFIED  
10 D.R.E. SYSTEMS IF THE BILLS ARE ENACTED INTO LAW?

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THE BIGGEST ISSUE WITH THE BILLS ARE  
13 THAT IT'S MANDATING SOMETHING THAT HAS YET TO BE PROVEN AND I  
14 THINK THAT, WITH SAN BERNARDINO BEING WILLING TO BE A PILOT  
15 COUNTY, I WOULD HOPE THE SECRETARY WOULD CONSIDER THAT  
16 APPROACH BECAUSE, EVENTUALLY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS TO SWITCH  
17 TO A VOTING SYSTEM THAT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL LAW, BY 2006  
18 RIGHT NOW. PERHAPS A WAIVER COULD BE SOUGHT. THE BOTTOM LINE  
19 IS THAT WE, RIGHT NOW, CANNOT MEET THAT COMPLIANCE AS OF  
20 TODAY. SO THE COST COULD BE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 20 AND A HUNDRED  
21 MILLION DOLLARS TO FIND EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD MEET THOSE  
22 REQUIREMENTS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, ARE THERE  
25 ANY COUNTIES THAT CAN MEET THAT REQUIREMENT TODAY?



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**CONNY MCCORMACK:** IN TERMS OF THE VOTER-VERIFIED PAPER, NO, BUT NEVADA IS ATTEMPTING TO DO WHAT SAN BERNARDINO HAS OFFERED TO DO AS A PILOT, IS ATTEMPTING TO DO THAT STATEWIDE IN NOVEMBER. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT WITH PROTOTYPE EQUIPMENT, RECOGNIZING IT WOULDN'T MAKE-- IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THROUGH FEDERAL CERTIFICATION. THEY WANT TO WAIVE THAT AND JUST USE A PROTOTYPE AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STATE OF NEVADA THIS NOVEMBER, THAT'S WHAT THEIR SECRETARY OF STATE WANTS TO DO. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE WATCHING SOME OTHER PEOPLE ATTEMPTING THIS. AND I THINK WE SHOULD, BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS A BAD TIME TO MAKE A EXPERIMENT.

14

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE POPULATION OF NEVADA IS, WHAT, TWO MILLION?

17

**CONNY MCCORMACK:** YEAH, EXACTLY. IT'S NOTHING LIKE WHAT WE'D BE CONFRONTED WITH.

20

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S THE SIZE OF FOUR CITY OF LONG BEACH COMMUNITIES.

23

**CONNY MCCORMACK:** YEAH. IT'S A LOT DIFFERENT AND I THINK THAT'S WHY DAVID JANSSEN AND I WROTE THE MEMO TO THE BOARD...

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE'RE LARGER THAN, WHAT, 46 OF OUR  
3 STATES? AND SO THEY'RE LOOKING UPON THE COUNTY AS A NATION--  
4 OR AS A STATE, PLUS THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES.

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AND OUR 88 CITIES, AS YOU POINTED OUT, AND  
7 THAT'S WHY OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN, IS TO GO SLOW AND TO ACQUIRE  
8 SYSTEMS IN TRANSITION. AND THAT'S-- THE INCA VOTE, JUST TO  
9 ADDRESS THE SMEARING ISSUE, WE HAD A VERY SMALL, LESS THAN ONE  
10 PERCENT, BUT WE'VE CORRECTED THE PEN AND WE DON'T THINK WE'LL  
11 HAVE THAT ISSUE AT ALL IN NOVEMBER. SO WE'RE MAKING  
12 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INCA VOTE SYSTEM.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WONDER HOW MUCH OF THIS IS OF REAL CONCERN  
15 OR A SMOKE SCREEN BY A GROUP OF VOTING MACHINE COMPANIES WHO  
16 ARE TRYING TO SELL THEIR DEVICE BY LEGISLATION.

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I CAN'T ANSWER THAT. I DON'T REALLY KNOW,  
19 SUPERVISOR.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
24 MOLINA.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE  
2   EACH OF THESE SEPARATELY. SB-530, THAT WE VOTE ON THAT  
3   SEPARATE FROM 1438. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I'D LIKE TO  
4   DIVIDE THE QUESTIONS.

5

6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'D BIFURCATE BOTH ISSUES?

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8   **SUP. BURKE:** BIFURCATE THE-- YEAH, I'D LIKE THE BIFURCATE THE  
9   VOTE BETWEEN THE NOVEMBER 5TH AND THE AFTER JANUARY 1ST, 2005.  
10   I WANT TO GET SOME UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE I APPARENTLY DID NOT  
11   REALLY UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY SAID A PAPER TRAIL. WHAT YOU'RE  
12   SAYING IS THERE IS, IN FACT, IN DIEBOLD, A PAPER TRAIL, IT'S  
13   JUST THAT IT'S NOT VISIBLE TO THE VOTER?

14

15   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, IT'S ACCUMULATION. IT'S NOT THIS--  
16   EVERY SINGLE RACE FOR EVERY SINGLE VOTER. IT'S AN ACCUMULATED  
17   PAPER. SO IF THAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT HAD 220 VOTES CAST ON IT,  
18   IT WOULD ACCUMULATE HOW MANY VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE AND  
19   ISSUE AT THE END OF THE DAY. IT'S ZERO AT THE BEGINNING TO  
20   PROVE THERE'S NO VOTES IN IT. THE POLL WORKER HAS TO LOOK AT  
21   THAT, MAKE SURE FOR EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT THERE'S NO  
22   VOTES IN IT ALREADY AND THEN IT ACCUMULATES AT THE END OF THE  
23   NIGHT. SO IT DOESN'T HAVE THE AMOUNT OF PAPER...

24





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1   **SUP. BURKE:** IS IT JUST LIKE MAYBE, YOU KNOW A CARD? IF IT'S  
2   FOUR CANDIDATES, IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

3

4   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S ACTUALLY A ROLL, LIKE AN ADDING MACHINE  
5   ROLL OF PAPER, AND IT CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE AND THEN, AT THE  
6   END, YOU'VE GOT THIS ACCUMULATED RAW NUMBERS RATHER THAN  
7   ASSIGNING IT BY VOTER.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE:** BY VOTER.

10

11   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CORRECT.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE MACHINES THAT YOU SAY THAT HAVE HAD IT BY  
14   VOTER AND THEY GET CLOGGED, WHO ARE THEY MADE BY?

15

16   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THERE WERE PROTOTYPE EQUIPMENT RIGHT NOW BY  
17   AVANTI. IT'S A DIFFERENT VOTING COMPANY. THEY'VE GOT A  
18   PROTOTYPE. AND NOW THE OTHER MAJOR VENDORS, THEY DON'T HAVE  
19   ANY CUSTOMERS IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY HAVE NOT A SINGLE  
20   COUNTY HAS BOUGHT THEIR EQUIPMENT. IT'S A PROTOTYPE. THE OTHER  
21   MAJOR VENDORS THAT HAVE SOLD THE EQUIPMENT NOW HAVE PROTOTYPES  
22   AS WELL, INCLUDING SEQUOIA AND DIEBOLD AND...

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** DIEBOLD ALSO HAS A PAPER TRAIL?

25



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1    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THEY HAVE A PROTOTYPE. THEY HAVE A PROTOTYPE.

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** A PROTOTYPE BUT THEY HAVEN'T SOLD IT TO ANYONE  
4    YET.

5

6    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AND NOBODY HAS SOLD IT BECAUSE THERE'S NO  
7    STANDARDS, THERE'S NO SET STANDARDS TO GET APPROVED BY, EITHER  
8    FEDERALLY OR AT THE STATE LEVEL.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
11   PAPER TRAIL ARE REALLY PROBABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABILITY TO  
12   HAVE SOME BREAKDOWN. IS THAT THE CONCERN? ASIDE FROM THE  
13   FACT...

14

15   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YOU MEAN IN TERMS OF WHY WE'RE CONCERNED IT  
16   MIGHT NOT WORK?

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE, WHEN YOU VOTE ELECTRONICALLY, WHEN YOU  
19   FINISH, YOU CAN HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU EXACTLY HOW YOU VOTED.

20

21   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** EXACTLY, THE REVIEW SCREEN.

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** ON THE VIEW SCREEN, YOU SEE THAT.

24

25   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE'S NO MAINTENANCE OF THAT IN THE MEMORY,  
3 IS THAT IT?

4

5 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ACTUALLY, EVERY SINGLE VOTER HAS AN IMAGE OF  
6 THEIR BALLOT. IT'S NOT TIED TO THE VOTER BECAUSE IT'S A SECRET  
7 BALLOT. SO, WHEN WE DO RECOUNTS ON ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, WHICH  
8 WE ARE-- WE HAVE DONE AND RIVERSIDE JUST FINISHED ONE FOR ONE  
9 OF THEIR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EVERY ONE OF THOSE IMAGES OF  
10 THE ENTIRE BALLOT IS PRINTED OUT ON PAPER FOR A RECOUNT. AND  
11 THERE'S BEEN MANY RECOUNTS AND, INDEED, IN OUR COUNTY, IN  
12 MALIBU, THE MAYOR RACE WAS A COUPLE OF VOTES APART WHEN WE  
13 FIRST USED THE EQUIPMENT IN 2000 AND WE PRINTED THEM ALL OUT  
14 AND WE DID THE RECOUNT ON THE PAPER. SO, YES, THERE IS AN  
15 IMAGE OF EACH SINGLE VOTE CAST ON THE HARD DRIVE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ON THE HARD DRIVE THAT CAN BE PRINTED OUT?

18

19 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CORRECT. AND THAT'S A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT AND  
20 ALL OF THE SYSTEMS HAVE THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S JUST NOT BY THE NAME, YOU CAN'T IDENTIFY THE  
23 NAME OF THE VOTER BUT YOU CAN IDENTIFY EACH VOTE?

24



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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CORRECT. YOU CAN'T WITH THE VOTER- VERIFIED  
2   EITHER, BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO KNOW HOW SOMEONE  
3   SPECIFICALLY VOTED. IT'S JUST THAT, IF THEY THEN TRIED TO  
4   CHANGE THEIR MIND, THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO ERASE THE PAPER AS  
5   WELL AS THE SCREEN. IT'S PRETTY EASY ON THE SCREEN. IF YOU GO  
6   BACK TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, OH, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT, MY MY REVIEW  
7   SCREEN SAYS I VOTED FOR THAT ONE OR I SKIPPED THAT RACE OR  
8   SOMETHING, YOU CAN GO BACK AND CHANGE IT. BUT IF THE PAPER HAS  
9   TO-- THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO VOID THAT PIECE OF PAPER AND GO  
10  TO ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER. ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVEN'T YET  
11  BEEN WORKED OUT.

12

13  **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IT WOULDN'T BE PRINTED UP UNTIL AFTER YOU  
14  HIT SEND OR SOMETHING, THOUGH, WOULD IT?

15

16  **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, YOU CAN'T SEND IT BECAUSE, IF YOU SEND  
17  IT, THEN YOU CAN'T CORRECT IT. SO THERE'S THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF  
18  WHEN DO YOU PRINT IT...

19

20  **SUP. BURKE:** I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE AT THE POINT OF WHERE IT'S  
21  OVER, I MEAN-- YEAH.

22

23  **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AT SOME POINT, IT HAS TO BE OVER, THAT'S  
24  CORRECT, AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I MEAN, IT SEEMS TO ME IT WOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH OF  
2   A PROBLEM IN THE PROCESS, JUST LIKE YOU-- AND SO YOU SEE IT ON  
3   THE SCREEN AND YOU CHANGE IT ON THE SCREEN. SEE, I WOULD  
4   ASSUME THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A PRINT-UP UNTIL AFTER THAT  
5   WHOLE THING, YOU'VE LOOKED AT IT AND SAY, "I AGREE," OR  
6   WHATEVER THE LAST WORD IS. AT THAT POINT, IF IT WAS PRINTED  
7   UP, I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WOULD BE AND YOU-- OF COURSE,  
8   YOU WOULDN'T MAKE ANY FURTHER CHANGES.

9

10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, YOU'D HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER  
11   CHANGES BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF THE VERIFIED PRINT IS TO MATCH  
12   THE SCREEN. SO IF YOU LOOK AT THAT AND DECIDE, "OH, I DIDN'T  
13   REALLY MEAN TO DO THAT," THEN YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK  
14   AND CHANGE IT.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT, IF IT'S NOT PRINTED  
17   AT THE TIME YOU VOTE, YOU KNOW? AND SO YOU SEE ON THE SCREEN,  
18   JUST LIKE WITH THE MICROSOFT WORD, YOU SEE IT ON THE SCREEN,  
19   YOU DON'T NECESSARILY PRINT THAT UP. AND SO WHAT I'M SAYING  
20   IS, IF YOU SEE IT, YOU THEN-- AND YOU MAKE ANY CHANGES YOU  
21   WANT AND YOU THEN APPROVE IT, AND, AT THAT POINT, IT'S  
22   PRINTED, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A  
23   PROBLEM.

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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, I THINK THAT'S THE IDEA  
2   BUT THEN THE GLASS IS REAL SMALL AND SO THEN YOU'RE GOING TO  
3   HAVE TO BE LOOKING BACK AND FORTH FROM THE REVIEW SCREEN AS  
4   IT'S MOVING TO SEE...

5

6   **SUP. BURKE:** OH, IT'S SO SMALL?

7

8   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, IT'S NOT 37 INCHES LONG AND THIS IS  
9   ENGLISH ONLY SO...

10

11   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE ARGUMENT IS, SUPERVISOR, AS I UNDERSTAND  
12   IT, IS THAT-- AND THE MACHINES ARE TESTED BEFORE AND THEY'RE  
13   TESTED AT THE END, THAT, SOMEHOW, STANDALONE MACHINES ARE  
14   GOING TO BE MANIPULATED SO THAT WHAT THE VOTER SEES AND WHAT  
15   GOES ON THE HARD DRIVE AND WHAT GOES ON THE INTERNAL PAPER IS  
16   SOMEHOW MANIPULATED AFTER THE FACT.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THE ARTICLES I'VE READ HAVE SAID THAT,  
19   BECAUSE ONLY ONE PERSON HAS CONTROL OF THE SOFTWARE OR ONE  
20   COMPANY, THAT THEY-- AND ALSO THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DO THE  
21   REPAIRS AND WHO DO THE CHANGES IN TERMS OF ANY CHANGE, WHICH  
22   YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE CHANGES, AND THE PROGRAMMING OF THE  
23   CANDIDATES IN, THAT IF THEY HAVE THE CONTROL OF THAT, THAT  
24   THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE IT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
25   THAT'S TRUE OR NOT BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE READ.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE STILL HAVE THE SAME EQUIPMENT TODAY, I  
3 MEAN, IBM OR WHOEVER, YOU KNOW, TAKES CARE, I MEAN, HAS THE  
4 SAME CONTROL OVER OUR SYSTEM. RIGHT? WE CONTRACT, YOU KNOW...

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE ACTUALLY DO THE PROGRAMMING AND MOST  
7 COUNTIES ACTUALLY DO THE PROGRAMMING OF THE NAMES IN. THE  
8 SOFTWARE IS...

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU DO ALL THE PROGRAMMING?

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE ACTUALLY, I MEAN, KEY IT IN, YOU KNOW, BUT  
13 THERE'S THE PROGRAM ITSELF...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KEY IT IN, I MEAN, THE CANDIDATES.

16

17 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ...THOUGH, THAT ACCUMULATES. AND THEN THE  
18 ISSUE, I THINK, DAVID JANSSEN WAS TRYING TO DESCRIBE IS THAT  
19 THERE'S LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTS BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER TO MAKE  
20 SURE THAT YOU RUN A STANDARD NUMBER OF KNOWN VOTES THROUGH THE  
21 SYSTEM AND SEE IF IT MATCHES UP. AND THAT'S WHAT THE SECRETARY  
22 OF STATE DID IN HIS OWN TESTING AND TRIED VERY HARD TO SEE  
23 WHETHER OR NOT IT COULD BE DIFFERENT AND IT WASN'T.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** BUT HE STILL HAD SOME PROBLEM, APPARENTLY, ON THIS  
2    ISSUE.

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4    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, ACTUALLY, HE HAS A PROBLEM ON THE ISSUE  
5    BUT THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS...

6

7    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, NOT ON ACCURACY.

8

9    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ....CAME OUT 100%, ACTUALLY.

10

11   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE'S NEVER BEEN A PROBLEM ON ACCURACY. THEY  
12   COUNT WHAT'S VOTED...

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, HE HAS TAKEN...

15

16   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** HE HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE CERTIFICATION, THE  
17   TECHNICAL MEETING OF THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES DIDN'T HAPPEN.  
18   THAT'S WHERE HE'S FOCUSING. EVEN IN THE SAN JOSE EXAMPLE, IT'S  
19   THE PROCESS, NOT THE RESULTS.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** THE CERTIFICATION-- I THOUGHT THAT HE ALSO WAS  
22   CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING A PAPER TRAIL AND MY... C.A.O. JANSSEN:  
23   OH, HE IS.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** ...UNDERSTANDING-- OKAY. I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS  
2   HIS CONCERN. NOW, SEE, BEFORE, I THOUGHT THERE WAS NOTHING IN  
3   PAPER.

4

5   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MOST PEOPLE DON'T.

6

7   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE IS,  
8   THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE:** SO WHAT I GUESS I NEED TO TO REALLY UNDERSTAND IS  
11   WHAT HIS CONCERN IS IN TERMS OF THE PAPER TRAIL ISSUE THAT I  
12   NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

13

14   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE IS A BELIEF THAT SOMEHOW THOSE  
15   STANDALONE MACHINES, THE SOFTWARE IS GOING TO BE  
16   MANIPULATED...

17

18   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OR COULD BE MANIPULATED.

19

20   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH, BECAUSE IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE AND THAT,  
21   BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THIS SEPARATE PIECE OF  
22   PAPER. JUST...

23

24   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** SO THE VOTER CAN VERIFY THAT WHAT THEY PUT IN  
25   THE MACHINE IS THE SAME AS WHAT THEY REALLY WANTED TO DO.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** JUST AS A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE, THE LOS ANGELES  
3 TIMES WROTE AN ARTICLE, "EXPERTS GAME, HOW ELECTIONS CAN BE  
4 RIGGED VIA COMPUTERS. THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF COMPUTER  
5 EXPERTS WHO CONTEND IT IS POSSIBLE TO TELL THE MACHINE TO DO  
6 ITS ACCURACY TEST CORRECTLY AND THEN CHEAT A LITTLE IN BETWEEN  
7 THE TEST AND THEN CONCEAL THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN CHEATING."  
8 L.A. TIMES ARTICLE. OCTOBER 8TH, 1969. OKAY? IT IS EXACTLY THE  
9 SAME ISSUE 35 YEAR LATER WHEN WE WENT IN TO PUNCH CARD. THEY  
10 WERE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE COMPUTERS WERE GOING TO COUNT THE  
11 VOTE. WELL, 32 YEARS LATER, WE'VE DONE OKAY. SO PART OF THIS  
12 IS JUST MAKING A TRANSITION TO YET ANOTHER MORE ADVANCED TYPE  
13 OF ELECTRONIC VOTING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** EXCEPT THAT THERE'S ONE THING THAT HAS HAPPENED  
16 THAT I THINK WE CANNOT IGNORE, IS THAT WE HAVE SEEN 14-YEAR-  
17 OLDS GET INTO OUR COMPUTERS AND PUT THINGS IN THAT ACTUALLY  
18 CAN CALCULATE IT DIFFERENTLY THAN IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AND I  
19 THINK THAT'S THE REASON THERE'S A CONCERN. AND I JUST WANT TO  
20 UNDERSTAND, I MEAN, THESE ARE NOT IDIOTS WHO ARE RAISING THIS  
21 ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE PAPER TRAIL...

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AND YOU'RE CORRECT ABOUT THAT. THEY ARE NOT.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEY HAVE AN-- I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT. I  
2   THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THAT THERE WAS  
3   NO PAPER TRAIL BUT THEY APPARENTLY STILL HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT  
4   THE ABILITY FOR THE CALCULATION TO TAKE PLACE IN TERMS OF THAT  
5   FINAL VOTE COUNT. SO I WANT TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. I WOULD--  
6   - I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO TAKE THE POSITION OF OPPOSING 530  
7   AND 1723. BUT I'D LIKE TO NOT GET INVOLVED IN TERMS OF THE  
8   1438 UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW WE'VE BEAT THIS THING ALL OVER THE PLACE  
13   BUT I WOULD HAVE TO AGREE. I GUESS DAVID AND I, BECAUSE WE'VE  
14   BEEN AT THE POLLS AND WE'VE WATCHED IT. YOU KNOW, IT'S  
15   INTERESTING. WHEN I WAS AT THE POLLS THE LAST TIME, ONE ONE  
16   WOMAN CAME IN AND SAID, "I'M VERY NERVOUS ABOUT VOTING WITH  
17   THIS NEW STUFF," AND THAT WAS, OF COURSE, THE DOT THING THAT  
18   WE WERE DOING, BECAUSE SHE HAD HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN SAN  
19   DIEGO AND SHE WAS VERY NERVOUS THAT HER VOTE WASN'T GOING TO  
20   COUNT. IT'S FASCINATING HOW THE MEDIA STIRS UP THIS FRENZY OF  
21   INSECURITY. BUT I ALSO THINK WE HAVEN'T DONE A VERY GOOD JOB  
22   IN MARKETING THIS INFORMATION OVERALL AS TO HOW TO VOTE. AND  
23   I'M WONDERING-- I THINK THAT'S ONE THING WE NEED TO DO. WE  
24   HAVE TO DO A VERY STRONG PR CAMPAIGN BECAUSE PEOPLE FEEL VERY  
25   INSECURE AND I KNOW THAT, ONCE I'VE ASKED THE QUESTIONS, I



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1 FEEL VERY SECURE. THIS PUNCH-CARD WAS NO MORE SECURE. WE ALL  
2 STACKED THEM UP, WE PUT THEM IN THAT LITTLE BOX AND WENT OFF.  
3 WE DIDN'T KNOW IF CHADS FELL OFF OR DIDN'T FALL OFF IN THE  
4 PROCESS BUT PEOPLE FELT VERY SECURE FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS OR  
5 30 YEARS OR WHATEVER THAT WAS. BUT, ON THIS ONE, WHAT-- I  
6 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POLITICS AND MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT TO  
7 ME. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS IN ONE PLACE, IT SEEMS TO ME,  
8 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH HANDS-ON WORK HE'S EVER DONE IN THIS  
9 AREA. I DON'T KNOW. AND WHEREAS ALL THE REGISTRARS AND ALL THE  
10 VOTING FOLKS SEEM TO BE IN A VERY DIFFERENT PLACE. IS THAT  
11 CORRECT OR NOT?

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S A CORRECT ASSESSMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I'M TROUBLED AS TO WHAT THE RATIONALE IS.  
16 I'VE NEVER SPOKEN TO HIM SO I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, HE'S THE ONE  
17 THAT'S SORT OF IN CHARGE BUT, IN REALITY, HE'S A LEGISLATOR  
18 WHO WAS ELECTED TO IT. HE'S NEVER SERVED AND HAD THIS  
19 RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE. I DON'T KNOW IF HE KNOWS IT'S A  
20 PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE WANTS TO  
21 DO, EVEN WHEN IT'S DONE, PROVIDES ANY MORE ASSURANCES OF  
22 ANYTHING. BECAUSE LET'S SAY THEY DID HAVE THIS PAPER COPY, AND  
23 IF THERE'S A RECOUNT, WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU GO AND YOU TAKE YOUR  
24 VALIDATED PAPER COPY AND YOU GO MATCH IT WITH SOMETHING THAT'S  
25 THEY'RE COUNTING DOWNTOWN?





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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S THE CONCEPT AND, AGAIN, A LOT OF THIS  
3 IS VERY CONCEPTUAL.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. YOU COULD FALSIFY  
6 THOSE PAPER DOCUMENTS ALL DAY LONG AS WELL.

7

8 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THAT'S ACTUALLY-- THE OTHER SIDE DOES  
9 SAY THAT. THE REASON THAT-- THE ONLY PROBLEM ELECTIONS THAT  
10 HAVE EVER BEEN FALSIFIED HAVE BEEN PAPER ELECTIONS BECAUSE  
11 IT'S A LOT EASIER FOR A POLL WORKER OR ANYBODY ELSE TO TAKE  
12 SOME BALLOTS AND PLAY AROUND WITH THEM THAN IT IS TO THE  
13 EQUIPMENT. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT A 14-YEAR-OLD, BUT THAT'S  
14 NETWORKED ON THE INTERNET, THAT'S-- ONE EACH, EACH OF THESE  
15 INDIVIDUAL DEVICES ARE STANDALONE YOU'D HAVE TO GO TO THE  
16 INDIVIDUAL OR YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE CORRUPTED CODE IN THE  
17 BEGINNING TO SOMEHOW INSTALL THIS CORRUPTED CODE WITHOUT ANY  
18 OF THE TESTS THAT WE DO CATCHING IT SO IT'S AN ISSUE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I KNOW OUR VOTE IS SO SACRED AND ALL BUT I  
21 JUST SEE MORE PROBLEMS WITH THE PAPER BECAUSE THAT COULD BE  
22 FALSIFIED. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IN THE END. IN  
23 THAT COUNTY IN FLORIDA WHERE ALL OF THOSE SUPPOSEDLY SENIOR  
24 CITIZENS' VOTES WENT FOR THE MOST CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE, I  
25 CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS NAME, WHICH WAS, THEY SAID WAS VERY



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1 UNLIKELY. I MEAN, HAD THEY HAD A PAPER COPY OF IT, WHAT WERE  
2 THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? RUN IN AND TAKE IT INTO THE REGISTRAR  
3 THAT DAY AND THAT WOULD HAVE VALIDATED IT?

4

5 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE PAPER COPIES STAY IN THE POLLING PLACE IN  
6 A BALLOT BOX. YOU KNOW, THEY STAY THERE. SO THEY'RE NOT GOING  
7 TO GO WITH THE VOTER.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S NOT GOING WITH THE VOTER?

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11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO, THE VOTERS ARE CONFUSED ABOUT IT BECAUSE  
12 THEY WANT TO TAKE IT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT DO YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S  
15 WHAT THAT PAPER COPY MEANS?

16

17 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** A LOT OF PEOPLE DO. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED  
18 IN THE TWO EXPERIMENTS, THAT THE PUBLIC WAS SAYING, WELL, IF  
19 THERE'S A PAPER COPY, WHY DON'T I GET-- IT'S LIKE AN A.T.M.,  
20 WHY DON'T I GET TO TAKE IT? WELL, YOU DON'T. IT HAS TO STAY IN  
21 THE POLLING PLACE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHERE I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF  
24 CONFUSION IN THE INFORMATION.

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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THERE IS.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF, IN FACT, THIS GOES THIS LEGISLATIVE ROUTE  
4   AND IT'S GOING TO HAVE THESE HEARINGS, IS THAT GOING TO CHANGE  
5   WHERE THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY CHANGE HIS POINT OF VIEW?  
6   ISN'T HE KIND OF THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY ON THIS?

7

8   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THAT'S UNDER QUESTION BECAUSE HE'S  
9   BEING SUED FOR HIS-- IN FEDERAL COURT FOR MANDATING A VOTER-  
10   VERIFIED RECEIPT WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY TO DO IT. SO I THINK  
11   PART OF IT IS TRYING GET...

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT, EVEN IN THE STATE, WHAT I'M  
14   TALKING ABOUT, AS A STATE, LET'S SAY THE LEGISLATURE WERE TO  
15   PASS THIS LEGISLATION. DOESN'T HE STILL, THE SECRETARY OF  
16   STATE, SORT OF STAND AS AN ABSOLUTE?

17

18   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THAT'S IN QUESTION. AND I THINK, LIKE I  
19   SAID, I WELCOME IT GOING INTO THE LEGISLATIVE ARENA, BECAUSE  
20   FOUR OTHER STATES HAVE, IN THE LAST MONTH, HAVE BROUGHT THESE  
21   SAME BILLS AND ALL FOUR OF THEM, TO-- EACH ONE WENT ALL THE  
22   WAY THROUGH THE PROCESS AND, ON THE LAST VOTE, SAID WE DON'T  
23   WANT TO BE MANDATING SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN PROVEN OR  
24   REALLY INVENTED YET. LET'S TRY IT IN A WAY, LIKE PILOTING IT.  
25   YOU KNOW, LET'S TRY THIS IN A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT



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1 THAN MANDATING SOMETHING THAT MAY NOT WORK AND ACTUALLY,  
2 PROBABLY, IN MY OPINION, I SHARE YOURS, WILL CAUSE MORE  
3 PROBLEMS, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO  
4 AVOID IS UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. SO LET'S GET IT INTO THE  
5 LEGISLATIVE ARENA AND HAVE A FULL DEBATE. I WELCOME THAT. AND  
6 I DO BELIEVE THAT PART OF THE REASON IT'S IN THE LEGISLATURE  
7 FOR DEBATE IS BECAUSE THERE IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT  
8 THE SECRETARY HAD THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THAT DIRECTIVE  
9 LAST NOVEMBER.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE YOU DONE ENOUGH WORK OR ANY WORK WITH FOLKS,  
12 WITH THE PRESS? BECAUSE I THINK THEY SOME-- FROM THESE  
13 EDITORIALS...

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE TRY. IT'S VERY HARD.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'RE GETTING IT,  
18 EITHER. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

19

20 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S VERY HARD. WE HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE  
21 LAST WEEK IN SACRAMENTO RIGHT BEFORE THE HEARINGS AND THERE'S  
22 A NEW COALITION THAT'S A NATIONAL COALITION THAT'S BEEN FORMED  
23 WITH CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS, WITH COMPUTER SPECIALISTS, WITH  
24 ELECTION OFFICIALS, WITH ACADEMICS, THAT ARE COUNTERING THAT  
25 ARGUMENT. THEY WILL ALL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO GIVE



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1 TESTIMONY AND I DO THINK THAT ARENA-- IN THE NATIONAL ARENA IS  
2 WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE SO THAT ALL-- BOTH SIDES GET HEARD ON AN  
3 EQUAL LEVEL. IT WILL BE ON C-SPAN, IT'S GOING TO BE COVERED.  
4 SO I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT THE UNEQUAL COVERAGE WILL  
5 START TO REVERSE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED ARE  
6 FROM BOTH SIDES TO TESTIFY BUT IT'S GOING TO BE VERY FAIR,  
7 OPEN HEARING AND, FRANKLY, IT'S WHAT'S BEEN NEEDED IN THIS  
8 ARENA.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. WE'VE HAD  
13 A REQUEST TO BIFURCATE THE ISSUES AND CAST A VOTE IN  
14 RECOMMENDING THE REGISTRAR RECORDER'S POSITION OF OPPOSING SB-  
15 530 AND SB-1723. I WOULD MOVE THAT, TO SUPPORT THE  
16 RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGISTRAR RECORDER. IT'S BEEN SECONDED.  
17 DO WE NEED A ROLL CALL? IF NOT, WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO  
18 ORDERED. THEN ON ITEM SB-1438, I WOULD MOVE IT AS WELL TO  
19 OPPOSE THAT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. DO WE NEED A ROLL CALL  
24 ON THAT? IF NOT, NO OBJECTIONS.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I'M GOING TO OBJECT ON THAT ONE BECAUSE I  
2    JUST WANT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

3

4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE IS VOTING "NO".

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6    **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. ON AFTER JANUARY THE 5.

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

9

10   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE AND TIME. IT'S  
11   A COMPLICATED ISSUE.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID WE TAKE UP ITEM 29? ALL RIGHT. ZEV, ARE  
14   YOU THROUGH, THEN?

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M THROUGH.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE, AGAIN, I THINK ALL MEMBERS  
19   AND MIKE WILL GO INTO DETAIL, BUT ADJOURNMENT FOR CONGRESSMAN  
20   BELL BUT I'LL LET MIKE DO THAT. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
21   ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OFFICER TOM STEINER, WHO WAS  
22   TRAGICALLY MURDERED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST, AS HE WAS  
23   LEAVING THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN POMONA, AN INCREDIBLY BRAVE  
24   YOUNG CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROLMAN. HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY  
25   A YOUNG MAN AND HE WAS ONLY 35 YEARS OLD, OFFICER STEINER. HE





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1 WAS A FIVE-YEAR VETERAN OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. HE  
2 WORKED OUT OF OUR SANTA FE SPRINGS OFFICE. I KNOW THAT MY  
3 OFFICE AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S HAVE HAD INTERFACE WITH  
4 OFFICER STEINER AND OTHERS OUT THERE. HE RESIDED IN THE CITY  
5 OF LONG BEACH. HIS DEATH WAS A SENSELESS CRIME AND ALL OF THE  
6 PERPETRATORS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY  
7 SADDENED BY THIS TRAGIC MURDER AND THAT SEEMS TO BE OCCURRING  
8 MORE AND MORE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
9 HIS WIFE, HEIDI, SON, BRIAN, STEPSON, JUSTIN AND HIS PARENTS,  
10 RON AND CAROL STEINER AND IT WOULD BE FOR ALL MEMBERS. ALSO  
11 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDY GERMANO. SANDY IS A  
12 NEIGHBOR OF MINE. SHE HAS VALIANTLY FOUGHT CANCER FOR THE LAST  
13 SIX YEARS, A TOUGH LADY. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
14 SAM, AND WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT  
15 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HARRY BABBITT. ALTHOUGH HE'S A  
16 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF NEWPORT BEACH, MANY OF YOU REMEMBER  
17 HARRY BABBITT, A LEAD VOCALIST FOR THE KAY KYSER BAND AND HIS  
18 GREAT BARITONE VOICE. HE EVEN SUPPLIED THE LAUGH FOR THE WOODY  
19 WOODPECKER KYSER'S 1948 NOVELTY TUNE. HE ALSO WAS THE HOST OF  
20 THE SECOND CUP OF COFFEE CLUB, A POPULAR 15-MINUTE EARLY  
21 MORNING SHOW, AND HOSTED TWO LONG- RUNNING MUSICAL SHOWS ON  
22 KTLA HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE ALSO, THERE, WAS A GROUP OF  
23 SENIORS THAT PERIODICALLY, IN VARIOUS WAREHOUSES, CREATED THE  
24 OLD SECOND CUP OF COFFEE CLUB, AND HARRY ENTERTAINED THERE IN  
25 HIS LATER YEARS AS WELL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 69



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1 YEARS, BETTY, SONS, MICHAEL, CHRISTOPHER, AND STEPHEN, A  
2 BROTHER, BOB, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.  
3 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EARL BARTHOLOMEW, A GOOD  
4 FRIEND AND MEMBER OF THE CERRITOS REPUBLICAN CLUB. HE WAS  
5 BURIED RECENTLY AT THE RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY WITH FULL  
6 MILITARY HONORS. HE MARRIED ANTONIA FELIX ON VALENTINE'S DAY  
7 OF THIS YEAR AND SO IT WAS VERY SUDDEN. SO HE'LL BE SORELY  
8 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
9 ANTONIA, AND HIS DAUGHTER, BARBARA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
10 MEMORY OF PAT TILLMAN, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION DURING A FIRE  
11 FIGHT IN EASTERN AFGHANISTAN. AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS A MEMBER OF  
12 THE ARMY RANGERS BUT ALSO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA  
13 CARDINALS AND HE GAVE UP SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS TO GO  
14 SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER AFTER 9/11 WITH HIS FRIENDS AND COMRADES  
15 IN THE ARMY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
16 WIFE, MARIE, AND FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
17 KENNETH WENTS, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND A  
18 LONG-TIME RECIPIENT OF MEALS ON WHEELS AND A WORLD WAR II  
19 VETERAN. HE SURVIVED THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH AND HE OVERCAME A  
20 60-MILE WALK IN EIGHT DAYS AND WENT FROM 165 POUNDS TO 90  
21 DURING HIS 42 MONTHS AS PRISONER OF WAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
22 TWO DAUGHTERS, MARGARET AND SALLY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY  
23 AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED. CALL UP ITEM 29. THAT WAS HELD FOR  
24 THE BOARD. AND WE WERE JUST GETTING CLARIFICATION OF WHAT THAT  
25 DISTINCT ISSUE. THERE WAS SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, AND I



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1 BELIEVE THAT-- REDUCE THE COST BY A MILLION BUT I THOUGHT  
2 THERE WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING IN WRITING. WE'VE HEARD THE  
3 VERBAL EXPLANATION. DID WE GET SOMETHING IN WRITING AS TO WHAT  
4 THOSE CHANGES WERE? THAT'S WHAT WE ASKED FOR.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** YOU DID GET SOMETHING, YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHO PASSED IT OUT? WELL, DO WE HAVE COPIES  
9 FOR EVERYBODY?

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** YOU HAVE COPIES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T NEED ANOTHER VERBAL EXPLANATION.  
14 I'VE HAD THAT. I WANTED SOMETHING IN WRITING. OKAY. I'LL WAIT  
15 FOR THAT, THEN. THAT LEAVES US ITEM 36-A. I HELD THAT. IT WAS  
16 A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU  
17 KNOW, THE OTHER DAY AT THE REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY, WHAT WE'D  
18 AGREED TO, INSTEAD OF OPPOSING IT, WHICH IS THE RECOMMENDATION  
19 OF STAFF THERE, WAS TO AT LEAST WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS  
20 BETWEEN A MEETING BETWEEN THE REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AND THE  
21 A.Q.M.D. AND, BEFORE WE TAKE A POSITION OF SUPPORT, I THINK WE  
22 SHOULD PROBABLY WAIT AS WELL HERE FOR THAT MEETING TO TAKE  
23 PLACE.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE-- THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2   HAS A REPRESENTATIVE HERE THIS MORNING, IF YOU WANT HIM TO  
3   SPEAK.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S UP TO YOU. I HEARD HIM THE OTHER DAY.  
6   IT'S UP TO YOU, MIKE.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN CONTINUE IT OR DO YOU WANT HIM TO  
9   SAY...

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, HE'S WILLING TO SPEAK, I DON'T HAVE  
12   A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I JUST-- I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE  
13   ITEM UNTIL THE MEETING TAKES PLACE BETWEEN THE RAIL AUTHORITY  
14   AND...

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. YESTERDAY, THE ALAMEDA  
17   CORRIDOR EAST UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THIS AS WELL AND THEY DID  
18   THAT IN THE HOPES THAT, IF FEES WERE TO BE LEVIED, THAT WOULD  
19   HELP WITH THE GRADE CROSSINGS.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR AUTHORITY HAS  
22   TAKEN A POSITION AS OPPOSED TO THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION. GO  
23   AHEAD.

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1   **JIM CLOUET:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. MY NAME IS JIM CLOUET. I'M  
2   WITH THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THEY  
3   BILL-- THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS SENATE BILL 1397 AND, AS YOU ALL  
4   KNOW, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET SIGNIFICANT EMISSIONS CONTROLS  
5   OVER RAILWAYS FOR SOME TIME NOW. RAIL LOCOMOTIVES FOR FREIGHT  
6   HAVE VIRTUALLY BEEN UNREGULATED FOR EMISSIONS SINCE THE YEAR  
7   2000. IF YOU LOOK AROUND AT ALL THE INDUSTRY, ALL THE CONSUMER  
8   PRODUCTS, ALL THE TRANSPORTATION, OVER THE YEARS, THEY'VE ALL  
9   BEEN REQUIRED TO HAVE EMISSION REDUCTIONS BETWEEN 95 AND 98%,  
10   YET THE RAILROADS ARE VIRTUALLY UNREGULATED. THEY, THROUGH  
11   RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS, ARE JUST BEGINNING TO PUT EMISSION  
12   CONTROLS ON NEW MANUFACTURED LOCOMOTIVES AND REBUILDS BUT, BY  
13   THE YEAR 2010, MOVING ENOUGH OF THOSE INTO THE BASIN, THEY'RE  
14   ONLY HOPING FOR ABOUT A 65% REDUCTION. NOW, THE BILL IS SIMPLY  
15   AN ISSUE OF TRYING TO GET THE RAILROADS TO DO THEIR FAIR SHARE  
16   OF EMISSION REDUCTIONS. IT'S A KIND OF BILL INDUSTRY'S BEEN  
17   ASKING OUR AGENCY FOR FOR A LONG TIME. IT GIVES THE INDUSTRY  
18   AN OPTION FOR VOLUNTARY REDUCTION BEFORE ANY KIND OF FEES OR  
19   ANY KIND OF ACTION ACTUALLY WOULD HAPPEN. SO WE WOULD ASK  
20   THIS-- WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS  
21   BILL BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT LOCOMOTIVE EMISSIONS ARE--  
22   REPRESENT 36 TONS A DAY OF NOXIN, OVER A TON A DAY OF  
23   PARTICULATE MATTER AND NOT ONLY THAT, THEY GO RIGHT THROUGH  
24   THE NEIGHBORHOODS, VERY DENSE, POPULATED AREAS, AND PEOPLE ARE  
25   EXPOSED TO THOSE EMISSIONS. AND, AS YOU KNOW, THE MOVEMENT OF



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1 FREIGHT IS ONLY GOING TO DOUBLE AND TRIPLE OVER THE NEXT  
2 DECADE AND SO THIS PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE ONE THAT IT'S GOING  
3 TO BE LONGSTANDING. THERE'S A LOT OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT THE  
4 RAILROADS CAN USE AND WE'RE MORE THAN HAPPY TO WORK WITH THEM.  
5 AND, AGAIN, WE'D RATHER THEY HAVE A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AND  
6 REDUCE THEIR EMISSIONS ON THEIR OWN BUT THE WAY THAT THE BILL  
7 IS STRUCTURED IS, IF THEY DON'T REDUCE THEIR EMISSIONS AND IF  
8 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WANT TO TIGHTEN UP STANDARDS,  
9 THEN AND ONLY THEN IS THERE A COMMISSION FORM TO FIGURE OUT  
10 EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF FEES WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR COMPARABLE  
11 EMISSIONS. SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER  
12 ANY QUESTIONS AND...

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS THE OTHER DAY  
15 YOU TESTIFIED AT THE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY, YOU ASKED  
16 FOR TIME TO MEET WITH THE RAIL AUTHORITY BEFORE WE TOOK THE  
17 POSITION OF OPPOSING, SO WOULD YOU NOT SUPPORT-- WAITING UNTIL  
18 AFTER THAT-- WHETHER OR NOT WE TAKE A POSITION IN SUPPORT  
19 HERE?

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21 **JIM CLOUET:** WELL, WE WOULD ASK THAT THE RAIL AUTHORITY WANTED  
22 TO OPPOSE THE BILL AND WE BELIEVE THAT STAFF WAS QUITE  
23 MISINFORMED OVER SOME OF THE TECHNICAL ISSUES AND WE WANTED TO  
24 HAVE THAT CONVERSATION BECAUSE WE KNEW, ONCE WE DID, THEY'D  
25 REALIZE THAT THIS IS REALLY A GOOD BILL.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE? I ALREADY HAVE  
3 ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE THE ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM, IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE IT  
6 BUT JUST THE FACT THAT, IN THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN, THE  
7 EMISSIONS FROM THE 100 OF THE LARGEST OIL REFINERIES, POWER  
8 PLANTS, CHEMICAL PLANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES  
9 COMBINED, THE RAILROAD EXCEEDS THOSE POLLUTIONS BEING EMITTED  
10 IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND IT'S A-- IT'S QUITE A SEVERE JOLT ON OUR  
11 ABILITY TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE CLEAN AIR WITHIN THIS BASIN,  
12 WHICH INCLUDES FOUR OF OUR COUNTIES, BUT IF YOU WANT TO  
13 CONTINUE IT FOR...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TWO WEEKS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...TWO WEEKS, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DOING  
18 THAT BECAUSE THE LEGISLATION IS, YOU KNOW, MOVING THROUGH  
19 SACRAMENTO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CONTINUE THE ITEM  
22 FOR TWO WEEKS AND THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. SORRY FOR HAVING  
23 TO MAKE YOU WAIT SO LONG.

24

25 **JIM CLOUET:** IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO LISTEN TO IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TOUCH  
3 SCREEN. [ LAUGHTER ]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WE ARE WAITING FOR ITEM 29  
6 FOR A WRITING. IS THAT CORRECT? AND THEN, IN THE MEANTIME, GO  
7 AHEAD AND DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, MIKE AND THEN...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, ON A SAD NOTE, AS I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY,  
10 FORMER CONGRESSMAN, ALPHONZO BELL, JR. PASSED AWAY ON APRIL  
11 25TH AND, AS YOU KNOW, TWO WEEKS AGO, WE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY  
12 OF HIS WIFE, WHO WAS THE ACTRESS, MARIAN MCCARGO BELL, WHO HAD  
13 PASSED AWAY AND LAST YEAR, WE HAD CONGRESSMAN BELL HERE ON A  
14 BOOK THAT HE HAD WRITTEN WHERE HE WAS HONORED. ALPHONZO BELL'S  
15 SON IS MY COMMUNICATIONS DEPUTY. AND TONY HAS BEEN A INTEGRAL  
16 PART OF OUR OPERATION AS SUPERVISOR. CONGRESSMAN BELL WAS AN  
17 EIGHT-TERM MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND A THIRD GENERATION SOUTHERN  
18 CALIFORNIAN. HIS FAMILY HELPED PIONEER THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
19 HE FOUNDED BELLAIRE. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE SERVED  
20 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE TOOK OVER  
21 HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS AFTER THE MILITARY SERVICE AND CHARTERED  
22 A SUCCESSFUL COURSE DRILLING A SERIES OF PRODUCTIVE OIL WELLS  
23 IN CUYAMA VALLEY. HE ENTERED POLITICS IN 1950. FIRST, HE  
24 SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY.  
25 AND THEN, IN 1960, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE



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1 OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHERE HE WAS IN THE HIGH-RANKING POSITIONS  
2 ON BOTH THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE SPACE AND AERONAUTICS  
3 COMMITTEE. HE RETIRED IN 1977 AND VENTURED INTO RANCHING AND  
4 FARMING WITH HIS WIFE OF NEARLY 35 YEARS, AND THAT WAS MARIAN  
5 MCCARGO BELL. HE IS SURVIVED BY EIGHT SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER  
6 AND 19 GRANDCHILDREN, AND HE'S ONE OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF OUR  
7 COUNTY AND ONE OF THE FATHERS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO  
8 I WOULD MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALPHONZO. WILLIAM  
9 BILL BRUNDIDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 23RD AT THE AGE OF  
10 89. THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL  
11 REMEMBER HIS VOICE BECAUSE HE HAD A 40-YEAR CAREER IN RADIO  
12 AND TELEVISION, SPORTS BROADCASTING. AN ARMY VETERAN. HE  
13 EARNED A SPECIAL AWARD FROM THE HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION FOR  
14 HIS REPORTING. AFTER THE WAR, HE DID FOOTBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY FOR  
15 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA U.S.C., YALE, AND  
16 PRINCETON; U.S.C. AND U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL, AND, IN 1952, HE  
17 WAS THE LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCER FOR THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS AND  
18 THE LOS ANGELES RAMS. HE LATER JOINED THE LAKERS CHICK HEARN  
19 IN PIONEERING THE CONCEPT OF A TELEVISION AND RADIO SIMULCAST  
20 AS THE ORIGINAL LOS ANGELES LAKERS BROADCASTING TEAM. AND HE  
21 IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE  
22 AGE OF 89. THELMA LASCOE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 26TH,  
23 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND ONE OF  
24 HER SONS IS MY DENTIST. AND AKIE MATSUMOTO, A LONG-TIME  
25 RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, PASSED AWAY AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS AT AGE



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1 80. AND SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND, AND HER THREE CHILDREN, AND  
2 SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND SISTER, ALICE YAMAGUCHI. AND PASTOR IVAN  
3 WALKS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 21ST AT HIS RANCHO CUCAMONGA  
4 HOME. HE SERVED SOUTH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HE SERVED  
5 WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING DROP-OUTS ANONYMOUS, HEAD  
6 START, AND WAS SCOUT CHAPLIN OF THE MT. BALDY COUNCIL OF THE  
7 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE WITH THE AMERICAN  
8 RED CROSS, THE CAMPUS MINISTRY OF CAL POLY POMONA, MOUNT SAN  
9 ANTONIO COLLEGE, THE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE AND THE N.A.A.C.P.  
10 HE SERVED AS MODERATOR OF THE SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERIAN AND WAS  
11 A DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH IN DENVER.  
12 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, EMMA, AND THEIR SEVEN  
13 CHILDREN. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS...

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AND WAYNE STEVENSON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
18 THE AGE OF 50. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN, HIS  
19 PARENTS, AND HIS FOUR SIBLINGS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. AND CONGRESSMAN BELL, ALL  
22 MEMBERS.

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL MEMBERS ON CONGRESSMAN BELL?

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I GOT MY ANSWER ON ITEM 29 AND I WOULD MOVE  
6    THE ITEM AS AMENDED, AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE  
7    DEPARTMENT IS COMING BACK ON MAY 11TH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
8    BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID  
9    YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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11    **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NONE. THANK YOU.

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13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? OKAY.  
14    DAVID STILLWELL, MARIA ANGUIANO, CHRISTOPHER KING, I BELIEVE  
15    IT IS. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. JOAQUIN SYLVA. THERE'S FOUR. IF  
16    YOU'D COME FORWARD. WE DO HAVE AN INTERPRETER AVAILABLE. DUE  
17    TO THE FACT THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE ON THE SAME ISSUE... OKAY. IF  
18    YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, IDENTIFY YOURSELF. SINCE YOU'RE ALL  
19    HERE ON THE SAME ISSUE, WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE AFTER YOU, WE  
20    WILL GIVE YOU A MINUTE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS. EACH.

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22    **DAVE STILLWELL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS DAVE  
23    STILLWELL, I'M THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIRECTOR OF S.E.I.U.  
24    LOCAL 1877. AMONG THE 16,000 OR SO WORKERS THAT WE REPRESENT  
25    IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ARE THE OUTSOURCED HOUSEKEEPERS AT THE



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1 COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE A DIGEST OF  
2 THE C.A.O.S REPORT ON THE CHANGE IN THE-- THE PROPOSED CHANGES  
3 IN THE LIVING WAGE AS WELL AS THE D.H.S. CONTRACTS, AND I HAVE  
4 JUST A FEW CONTRACTS AND I HAVE JUST A FEW COMMENTS. I THINK  
5 IT'S IMPORTANT, OBVIOUSLY, THAT YOU HEAR FROM THE WORKERS  
6 THEMSELVES WHO WORK THERE BUT, FIRST AND FOREMOST, I JUST URGE  
7 RECOMMENDATION OF WAGES THAT ARE NOT, YOU KNOW, A PENNY ABOVE  
8 THE FLORIDA KEEP PEOPLE OFF OF CALWORKS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT  
9 IS A-- THAT'S A BENCHMARK THAT HAS REALLY NO RELATIONSHIP TO  
10 THE ACTUAL COST OF LIVING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE  
11 URGE RECOMMENDATION OF WAGES THAT ACTUALLY DO THAT. THESE ARE  
12 BASED ON VERY CONSERVATIVE NUMBERS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO  
13 REALITY IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE STRAINED EVERY YEAR.  
14 SECONDLY, THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE OF \$1.15  
15 PER HOUR WITH THE ONE PENNY INCREASE. WE UNDERSTAND THE BASIS  
16 FOR THAT. HOWEVER, THE-- FOR FOLKS AT THIS KIND OF INCOME,  
17 WITH THESE TYPE OF WAGES, FOR \$50 PER DOCTOR VISIT, ALL IT  
18 MEANS IS THAT NOBODY'S GOING TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, ESPECIALLY  
19 FOLKS WITH FAMILIES. SO THE AIM OF TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT  
20 OF COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES, OUT OF USING THE EMERGENCY ROOM  
21 WOULD RECEIVE NO UTILITY FROM AN INCREASE TO THAT LEVEL OR  
22 THAT TYPE OF HEALTH INSURANCE. FINALLY, AND I THINK MOST  
23 IMPORTANTLY, IS THE PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT APPLY TO D.H.  
24 SERVICE-- D.H.S. SERVICES CONTRACTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OUT.  
25 THE WHOLE-- THE WHOLE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR EFFORTS ON THIS





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1 IS TO TRY AND STOP WHAT'S HAPPENED FOR THE LAST FIVE OR SIX  
2 YEARS OF PEOPLE HAVING THEIR WAGES FROZEN. SOME OF THE LOWEST  
3 PAID WORKERS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
4 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, IF THAT PROPOSAL GOES THROUGH, WOULD  
5 ACTUALLY SEE A NINE-YEAR WAGE FREEZE AND NO REAL HEALTH  
6 INSURANCE. IT WOULD-- IT WOULD-- IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE A  
7 GRAND WASTE OF EVERYBODY'S TIME, THE C.A.O.'S TIME AND YOUR  
8 TIME OF PUTTING INTO THIS IF THAT WAS TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN. THE--  
9 - OUR CONTRACT THAT WE'VE BEEN ROLLING OVER AND EXTENDING  
10 WITHOUT INCREASES FOR OUR MEMBERS EXPIRES MAY 31ST AND, IF THE  
11 SITUATION DOESN'T CHANGE, IT DOESN'T TAKE ROCKET SCIENCE TO  
12 FIGURE OUT THAT THE MEMBERS ARE GOING TO VOTE ALMOST  
13 UNANIMOUSLY FOR A STRIKE AT THOSE COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES. SO  
14 IT'S 11:59:30 ON THE NEGOTIATION CLOCK HERE AND I WOULD JUST  
15 URGE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THOSE COMMENTS AS THEY CONSIDER--  
16 FURTHER LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. OKAY? WHO'S NEXT?

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20 **MARIA ANGUIANO:** MY NAME IS MARIA ANGUIANO. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
21 SOMETHING ON BEHALF OF MY CO-WORKERS, WHERE WE ARE HERE TO  
22 SPEAK TODAY. YOU CAN ALL SIT DOWN, PLEASE. I LIVE AT 36900  
23 CHARTER COURT IN PALMDALE. I WORK FOR HIGH DESERT HEALTH  
24 SYSTEM IN LANCASTER. I'M A WIFE AND A MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN.  
25 UNFORTUNATELY, MY YOUNGEST ONE IS AN ASTHMATIC, WHICH MAKES ME



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1 GO TO FREQUENT VISITS TO THE HOSPITAL, WHICH COSTS AROUND A  
2 HUNDRED TO \$150 BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER THE PROGRAM OF C.H.P.,  
3 AND IT DOESN'T COVER ALL OF THEM. THE H.M.O. THAT I HAVE ONLY  
4 COVERS ME AND MY HUSBAND. THE H.M.O. IS SO HIGH THAT I  
5 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COVER MY WHOLE FAMILY WITH MY PAYCHECK. AS  
6 IT IS NOW, WE PAY \$1.14 PER HOUR, PLUS \$70 A MONTH JUST FOR ME  
7 AND MY HUSBAND. THERE'S NO WAY I COULD PAY TO COVER MY WHOLE  
8 FAMILY. THE STUDY THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE  
9 DONE ON THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE CALLS FOR AN INCREASE OF ONE  
10 CENT PER HOUR. MORE HELP FOR MONEY FOR HEALTHCARE, WHICH IS  
11 ONLY \$1.73 A MONTH. I DON'T THINK THAT WILL COVER THE 9% TO  
12 11% THAT THE INSURANCE IS PLANNING ON INCREASING IN JUNE 1ST,  
13 2004, WHICH IS ABOUT 30 TO \$50 MORE ON TOP OF THE \$70 THAT I  
14 ALREADY PAY A MONTH FOR JUST ME AND MY HUSBAND. BUT THIS  
15 ANALYSIS IS TELLING ME I MIGHT HAVE TO PAY \$50 PER VISIT TO  
16 SEE A DOCTOR. THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT AND GO SEE A  
17 DOCTOR. SO JUST PUT ME IN A PLACE WHERE I HAVE TO RELY AGAIN  
18 ON THE COUNTY AND, IF I'M NOT WRONG, I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS  
19 NOT WHAT THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE IS ALL ABOUT. WE ARE HERE  
20 TODAY TO ASK YOU FOR MORE MONEY FOR HEALTHCARE AND A BETTER  
21 HEALTH PLAN FOR US AND OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WHO'S NEXT?

24

25 **CHRISTOPHER KING:** HI, I'M CHRISTOPHER KING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CHRISTOPHER, JUST BEFORE YOU START  
3 THERE, I'LL CALL ELIZABETH GARCIA UP. ARE YOU ELIZABETH?

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5 **ELIZABETH GARCIA:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. KING FIRST, AND THEN MR. TORRES,  
8 SORAPIU TORRES. OKAY. MR. KING?

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10 **CHRISTOPHER KING:** YES. I WORK FOR U.C.L.A. HARBOR, AND I'VE  
11 BEEN AT HARBOR FOR FOUR-- FOR SEVEN YEARS: FIVE YEARS AS A  
12 TRASH TECH WHICH CONSISTS OF DISPOSAL OF BIOHAZARDOUS,  
13 STERILIZATIONS OF NEEDLES AND ALSO THE DISPOSAL OF OR HANDLING  
14 OF CHEMOTHERAPY. MY FIVE YEARS BEING A TRASH TECH, I HAVE NOT  
15 RECEIVED A COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASE. THIS IS VERY  
16 IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE THE JOB I PERFORM IS HARD BUT, WHEN  
17 THE LABOR OUTWEIGHS THE BENEFIT, THAT MAKES THINGS EVEN HARDER  
18 TO COPE WITH. I'M A NEW FATHER FOR FOUR MONTHS. I HAVE  
19 EVERYTHING-- I HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING AROUND ME INCREASE. THE  
20 COST OF LIVING HAS WENT UP, GAS, FOOD, AND STILL THE PAY I  
21 HAVE STAYS THE SAME. SO I WOULD LIKE... THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1   **ELIZABETH GARCIA:** HI. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH GARCIA. I LIVE IN  
2   856 MANCHESTER AVENUE. I'M A MOTHER TO TWO DAUGHTERS. I'VE  
3   BEEN THERE-- I HAVE-- I TALK IN SPANISH BUT MY ENGLISH IS NOT  
4   TOO MUCH.

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** INTERPRETER HERE, IF YOU'D LIKE.

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8   **ELIZABETH GARCIA:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ].

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10   **INTERPRETER:** I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
11   HEALTH INSURANCE THAT WE HAVE.

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13   **ELIZABETH GARCIA:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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15   **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH GARCIA. I WORK FOR THE  
16   COMPANY-- SERVICE FOR HARBOR U.C.L.A. FOR EIGHT YEARS. I'M THE  
17   MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
18   THE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT I CURRENTLY HAVE BECAUSE THE SALARY  
19   THAT I HAVE WITH 9.22 AND HAVING TWO CHILDREN AND THE STUDY  
20   THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS DOING REGARDING THE LIVING  
21   WAGE AND, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVING A HEALTH INSURANCE THAT I HAVE  
22   TO GO TO A DOCTOR AND PAY \$50 PER VISIT AND, FOR EXAMPLE,  
23   HAVING TWO DAUGHTERS AND HAVING TO TAKE ONE DAUGHTER IN  
24   PARTICULAR THAT HAS-- SHE HAS-- ONE DAUGHTER I HAVE HAS A  
25   MEDICAL PROBLEM. SHE REQUIRES TO GO MORE THAN 10 TIMES TO THE



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1 HOSPITAL, 10 TIMES A MONTH, AND, WITH THE SALARY THAT I HAVE,  
2 THAT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC. IT'S A CRISIS BECAUSE OF MY POVERTY  
3 AND, AS SUCH, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PAY FOR MY NEEDS, MEDICAL  
4 NEEDS. AND WE ARE EXPECTING THAT WE WOULD-- THAT YOU WOULD  
5 PROVIDE A PLAN THAT WOULD PROVIDE COMPLETE COVERAGE, NOT  
6 PARTIAL COVERAGE.

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8 **ELIZABETH GARCIA:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SILVA?

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12 **JOAQUIN SILVA:** SENIOR... [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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14 **INTERPRETER:** SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOOD  
15 AFTERNOON. ONCE AGAIN, MY NAME IS JOAQUIN SILVA. I WORK IN THE  
16 MEDICAL CENTER IN OLIVE VIEW FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS FOR PEDI-  
17 SERVICE COMPANY. THE MOTIVE FOR MY VISIT IS TO ASK, WITH  
18 RESPECT, THAT YOU WOULD HAVE AN ANALYSIS DONE, A COMPLETE ONE  
19 OF THE LIVING WAGE IN TOTALITY. BASED ON AN URBAN MODEL, THIS  
20 MODEL, THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE AND SATISFY THE BASIC NEEDS  
21 WITHOUT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. THE METHODOLOGY USED SHOULD BE  
22 BASED ON 40 HOURS OF WORK PER WEEK WITH A SALARY OR WAGE THAT  
23 IS CURRENT OR IS EQUIVALENT TO THE MONTHLY COST FOR FOOD,  
24 RENT, GASOLINE, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH INSURANCE, AUTO  
25 INSURANCE, INCLUDING TAX DEDUCTIONS, FEDERAL AND STATE, AND



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1 SOCIAL SECURITY. ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES PRESENT ASK, AND THOSE  
2 NOT PRESENT, THAT THIS ANALYSIS, THAT IT BE DONE SERIOUSLY,  
3 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LIVING WAGE TOTAL, AND NOT AN ANALYSIS  
4 THAT IS JUST AN ANALYSIS OF JUST TO KEEP US CURRENT ON OUR  
5 BILLS AND WHAT I'VE MENTIONED. AND THAT ANALYSIS WOULD NOT  
6 JUST BE BELOW THE OR AT THE POVERTY LEVEL, BUT ABOVE THAT  
7 WHICH IS GIVEN BY PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. TORRES?

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11 **SORAPIU TORRES:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

12

13 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SORAPIU TORRES. I WORK  
14 FOR HARBOR U.C.L.A. I'VE WORKED FOR 10 YEARS FOR PEDRO'S  
15 COMPANY. I'M A JANITOR OF THE FLOORS THERE. I'M COMING ON  
16 BEHALF OF THE BARGAINING TABLE WITH THE PROPOSALS AND PROBLEMS  
17 PRESENTED BY MY COLLEAGUES OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST AND  
18 CURRENT PROBLEMS THAT WE EXPERIENCE. MORE THAN NOT, THE  
19 PETITION BEFORE YOU THAT WE ARE PRESENTING ARE VERY URGENT TO  
20 US. WE NEED ANSWERS QUICKLY. AND WE ANTICIPATE OR EXPECT NOT  
21 TO HAVE TO COME BACK AGAIN WITH-- AND NOT HAVE SOLUTIONS  
22 GIVEN. AND THAT THOSE SOLUTIONS NOT BENEFIT OUR FAMILIES AND  
23 OURSELVES. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US, AND GOOD AFTERNOON.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I THINK WE'LL HAVE  
2   THE DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK TO US ON THE ISSUES RAISED HERE  
3   OR... ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT? IF NOT,  
4   THEN IF YOU'LL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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6   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IN ACCORDANCE  
7   WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
8   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS  
9   ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
10   EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
11   NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF; AND ITEM  
12   CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS  
13   AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ALSO, THE REGULAR MEETING  
14   OF TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004, IS CANCELED. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
15   WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 4,  
16   2004, AT 8:00 A.M. IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND CONCLUDING ON  
17   THURSDAY, MAY 6TH, 2004, TO MEET WITH FEDERAL AND ELECTED  
18   OFFICIALS. THE AGENDA WILL BE POSTED AT THE COUNTY'S  
19   WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE LOCATED AT 440 FIRST STREET NORTHWEST,  
20   ROOM 440, OUTSIDE THE BOARD HEARING ROOM 381-B AND ON THE  
21   BOARD'S WEBSITE BEGINNING APRIL 29, 2004. THE NEXT REGULAR  
22   MEETING OF THE BOARD IS TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, 2004, AT 9:30 A.M.  
23   THANK YOU.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in an for the State of California, do hereby certify:

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And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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